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ADMINISTRATION AND ALL THAT

August is a relatively quiet period for the SCVS: people are on holiday (including our own staff!) and meetings are at a minimum. As a result we resolved this year to try and put our house in order and to introduce more satisfactory systems into our methods of dealing with the storage of information relating to names and addresses, the payment of affiliation fees and the payment of subscriptions for the Newsletter. Over the years piecemeal efforts seem to have been made to do this but the records were not easy to follow and in some cases it was difficult to match entries made in different places. We found that many affiliation fees had gone unpaid, sometimes for several years, and those who were approached about it often said that they had not been asked for payment. We made some mistakes as a result of the confusion but we hope that we have now been able to tidy things up considerably as well as simplifying them. We apologise for those mistakes but still ask most politely that our members remember to notify us of their changes of officer or address. For our part we will in future try to see that these are accurately recorded and changes and deletions made as they arise.

DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL SERVICES

It was hoped that it would be possible to distribute some revised and reprinted pages of the Directory (ie those which have been subject to much correction since the Directory was issued, plus the information on the re-organised National Health Service set-up) with this issue of the Newsletter. The departure on holiday of our typesetter has prevented this but we hope to have these pages ready for distribution to all members by next month. Non-members are invited to send a stamped addressed envelope (large enough to take A5 sheets) plus a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ p stamp for every set of revised pages which they wish to receive.

Directory Amendments.

- P 20 For 'Southwark North Action Groups' substitute 'Borough and District Neighbourhood Association'
- P 52 The Camberwell Society - Delete Mr D Whiting
Add Mrs Valerie Kent, 38 Camberwell Grove, SE5 (701 4758)

LOCAL MATTERS

TWO INTERESTING REPORTS

Among Annual Reports received recently, two relating to voluntary bodies at work in the borough have been of particular interest. The first, that of the Camberwell Council on Alcoholism, analyses the work of the Council in the light of the Aims and Methods which it formulated in a Discussion Document dated April 1973. Copies are available from the CCA at 99 Denmark Hill, SE5 (703 8053). The second report, which takes the form of a 'One Off Community Newspaper', comes from the Blackfriars Settlement, 44/47 Nelson Square, SE1 (928 9521), and gives a lively, comprehensive and entirely original report of the multitudinous activities of the Settlement over the past year of work.

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DISCUSSION EVENINGS: HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

A series of discussion evenings has been arranged by the Social Services Department of the LBS in association with the Newcomen Centre. These will be held monthly at various centres. The first discussion, conducted by Dr Dorothy Egan on 'Play' was held on 27th August and the next three will be as follows:-

Tuesday, 24th September:
Bishop's House Day Nursery
5 Kenning Park Place
Kennington Park Road, SE11

Dr Brian Neville
'Fits and Funny Turns'

Wednesday, 23rd October:
Bishop's House Day Nursery

David Scrutton
'The Physical Management of
Handicapped Children'

Tuesday, 26th November:
The Newcomen Centre
Guy's Hospital
St Thomas' Street, SE1

The Hearing & Language Team from the
Newcomen Centre
'Talking and Listening'

All meetings start at 6.30 pm and finish at approximately 7.30 pm. Staff at the Day Nursery will provide coffee from 6.00 pm. Anyone interested is invited to take part. Enquiries to Mrs Ross, Residential and Day Care Section, Social Services Department, Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1. (703 6363).

SPECIAL LITERACY SCHEME: THE RATHBONE CLUBS

The first of the Rathbone Reading Clubs, which are designed to help young adults who were formerly at Special Schools or in a Remedial stream in a Secondary School with their reading and writing, operates at the Minet Library, Knatchbull Road. The Clubs, which are run on similar lines to the Blackfriars Literacy Scheme, are sponsored by the Lambeth and Camberwell Committee of the Elfrida Rathbone Society. The Minet Club has large and comfortable premises, provided by the generosity of the Lambeth Library Service, where every Wednesday between 7.00 pm and 9.30 pm specially trained volunteers (with the support of professional workers) work with individual pupils to help overcome their reading and writing difficulties. Concern for those attending is not confined to educational help but includes help with personal problems and the fostering of social development and community spirit within the Club.

Referrals to this and to other Clubs in the scheme are welcomed.

A second Club is due to open early in September in St Saviour's Church Hall, Coplestone Road, East Dulwich, at the warm invitation of the Rev Maurice Horsey.

Anyone who is interested is invited to visit the Minet Library on any Wednesday or to contact the Organiser, Mrs Gladys Zonena, who can be reached at 53 Holmdene Avenue, Herne Hill, SE24 (274 5224) or at the Minet Library (274 5325).

VOLUNTEERS - especially local ones - are needed to help with both Clubs. No qualifications are required other than a willingness to help.

BOOKS ON SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WELFARE

The Camberwell Church Street Branch of the Southwark Libraries has an extensive range of books on Sociology and Social Welfare which may be borrowed through any of the borough's libraries. A special catalogue is available and further editions of this will be issued as the collection is added to. Books may be borrowed by anyone presenting a valid library ticket issued by any public library authority.

BLACKFRIARS COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Blackfriars is appealing for volunteers to work with and for their Community Action Team, which has as its aim the improvement of conditions in North Southwark. The way the team operates means that volunteers are asked for a fair amount of commitment. It is best if people can devote at least two days a week to working with the CAT and even then, particularly for those who do not live in the area, volunteers need to spend at least a month with the team before they can become really effective. Anyone interested in finding out more about the work can call and discuss it at the Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Square, SE1 (Monday to Friday) or ring 928 9521 and ask for the Community Action Team.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WELLS WAY

The Camberwell Society is concerned to save the oldest and perhaps the most architecturally distinguished church in Camberwell, St George's, Wells Way, and will be pressing for its preservation as part of Southwark's contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year 1975. The church was declared redundant 20 months ago. When a survey was carried out four years ago its condition was found to be poor but not irreparable. Since then it has suffered from considerable vandalism but could still be saved. Redundant churches procedure is complicated but basically means that from the date of declaration of redundancy liability for the building's repair and maintenance passed to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance. The Board's Redundant Churches Uses Committee then had a duty to attempt to find an alternative use for the building over a period of three years. If such a use is not found by November 1975 the diocese will probably have no alternative but to demolish the church. The Camberwell Society is trying to enlist the Borough's aid in making the restoration and conversion of St George's a major item in its Heritage Year programme. A lot of money will be needed but if the UK Secretariat of European Heritage Year can be persuaded to accept this as a worthwhile project there is money available. The project will stand a better chance of acceptance if it is backed by realistic proposals for alternative use(s) and the Society is appealing to anyone who has ideas on the subject to get in touch as quickly as possible with Roger Thompson, 52 Camberwell Grove, SE5 (703 3233).

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY STUDIES PROGRAMME: MORLEY COLLEGE

Morley College has now issued the programme of courses for the academic year 1974/75. All the courses are non-vocational but are likely to be of special interest to people whose work, whether paid or voluntary, brings them into contact with current personal and social problems. The list of courses is a long one but includes the following:-

Daytime Courses: Neighbourhood & Community (Basic course for community workers)

Planning a social survey

Physically Disabled People in Modern Society

The Cycle of Deprivation - Myth or Reality?

Evening Courses: The National Health Service (Short Study Course)

Volunteers and Professionals in the Social Services

The Black Community (An Introductory Course)

Community Radio

Details of these and of the many other courses may be had from Sally Nichols, Tutor in Social & Community Studies, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 (920 8501).

GENERAL MATTERS

CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS

Among the special categories eligible to apply for 1975 Churchill Travelling Fellowships are:-

women in social and public service

workers in mental health

teachers of the deaf, blind or dumb

designers for safety in the home - building, furniture &
appliance designers

There is also an open category which allows anyone to propose a project of their own choice. The fellowships provide for two or three months study overseas. Applicants must be able to convince the selectors of the worth of their project and of their ability to make full use of the fellowship but academic or professional qualifications are not needed: there is no age limit. For further information and application form send your name and address only on a postcard to Windston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, SW7.

MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

A three-day course in basic management for Secretaries of Councils of Social Service was held last year at the Polytechnic of North London. There will be a similar course this year which will be open to people with staff management responsibilities in other voluntary organisations. The course tutor will be Keith Clegg, Principal Lecturer in Management Studies at the Polytechnic. The course, which will run from 5th to 7th November, will deal with management concepts, setting objectives, roles and functions, conflict and co-operation, communication, problems of authority, decision making, motivation and staff development. These topics will be treated in a practical way and related closely to the role of the chief executive in such organisations as Councils of Social Service, Community Associations and Citizens' Advice Bureaux. The fee will be £7.50 and enquiries may be made to the CSS Officer, LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1 JR (388 0241).

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY: THE HANDICAPPED PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY

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FAMILY HANDBOOK OF AIDS AND SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

A quick, simple non-technical handbook of interest to anyone involved with the disabled has been produced by NAIDEX and the 1974 edition is available from Harrison Associates, 943a Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey, CR2 2BP at 90p (95p including postage).

EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS FOR THE DISABLED

AGE CONCERN has produced a leaflet intended for old people but also of interest to the disabled which summarises all the existing possibilities for alarm systems, giving prices and addresses where they may be obtained. The leaflet is available from AGE CONCERN, Bernard Sunley House, Mitcham, Surrey, price 10p.

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION

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GLC: SOCIAL PROBLEMS ON HOUSING ESTATES

The GLC's Housing Management Committee has recently been considering how best to deal with social problems on housing estates. The Committee says that the council must inevitably house many families whose standards of general behaviour and whose attitude towards estate amenities are a constant source of nuisance to other tenants.

The aim has always been to disperse such families as far as practicable, subject to the limitations imposed by the allocation system and the choice of families themselves. Nevertheless, such families tend to gravitate towards each other and the effects can become apparent, especially on the inter-war flatted estates. Once a number of such families congregate on an estate, other tenants tend to move away.

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Social Problems on Housing Estates (Continued)

sons and daughters of tenants at the older estates some priority for vacancies at them, with the object of helping restore the sense of community the estates possessed when originally built. In addition, it is considered that greater personal contact with tenants at estates level and the promotion of activities for adults and children will help tackle the problem.

GLC: PROGRAMME FOR DEPRIVED AREAS

A report this month from the GLC's Policy & Resources Committee voices concern about the number of areas in London which can be described as 'deprived areas'. In such areas housing is often the major problem, but as frequent and important are local unemployment, low incomes, lack of open space, educational difficulties, and overcrowding. The Committee reports that since July last year it has been in consultation with borough councils and the ILEA on the ways in which efforts and resources can be pooled in the most effective way to deal with these problems. Two areas chosen by the borough councils concerned have now been selected for pilot projects. These are the Spitalfields ward of Tower Hamlets and a part of north Islington between Crouch Hill and Hornsey Road. The Committee comments that being markedly different in the difficulties they present they together offer a wide spectrum of the problems involved. The action envisaged combines processes of planning and redevelopment with measures aimed at meeting the needs of the people in their present situation.

The Tower Hamlets and the Islington borough councils are setting up local steering groups to establish priorities, to organise participation by voluntary organisations and the local population, and to co-ordinate and expedite action on the ground. The GLC and the ILEA will be represented on these groups, and the former's Policy & Resources Committee proposes to ask the council to allocate £100,000 for 1975/76 under a 'deprived area' heading. In addition the Home Office has agreed in principle to make available £200,000 a year for the pilot schemes over the next five years.

ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

The report of the Finer Committee on One-Parent Families points out that one-parent families are the subject not of a single system of family law, but, in effect, of three systems, administered respectively by the divorce courts, the magistrates' courts and the supplementary benefit authorities. This fragmentation of the law stems from an earlier society in which there was one family law for the rich, a second for the destitute, and a third for people in between. The Committee recommends that the whole of the matrimonial jurisdiction of the magistrates in its present form should be abolished and a new institution, the family court, created. The family court would apply a uniform set of legal rules, derived from a single moral standard and applicable to all citizens. It would dispose of all civil matters and disputes concerning marriage, separation and divorce, children, maintenance, and matrimonial property.

The Committee's examination of the financial circumstances of one-parent families showed they were, in general, much worse off than two-parent families. In November 1972, 259,000 one-parent families were on supplementary benefit and more than half of them had been receiving it for more than two years; the men against whom maintenance orders are made often have insufficient money to maintain separate households. A new state benefit to be called Guaranteed Maintenance Allowance is proposed. This would be available as of right to all categories of lone parent, and would have the effect of taking most of them out of supplementary benefit. A

One-Parent Families (Continued)

new government agency would administer this GMA and take over the collection of maintenance. If the amount of the maintenance were more than the GMA, the balance would be passed on to the mother. There would be no minimum age limit for receipt of GMA and claims would be dealt with as far as possible by post. Title to the benefit would cease on marriage or cohabitation.

However, until the new benefit could be introduced, supplementary benefit would continue to be the mainstay of many one-parent families. The Committee recommends that the Supplementary Benefits Commission should be able to assess and collect maintenance. The requirement to register for work should be waived for lone fathers.

The report recognises the special housing problems of one-parent families: for example, a high proportion are forced into the rapidly shrinking privately rented sector, where they generally have to pay high rents for poor conditions. They tend to move more often than two-parent families and are more likely to become homeless. The Committee urges an end to discrimination against lone parents in the allocation of council houses on grounds that such people are 'less deserving' than others. Security of tenure similar to the Rent Acts' protection should be extended to tenancies in the public sector.

The Committee thinks that lone parents who wish to work should have freedom to do so. It recommends that the proposed GMA should respond to earnings more gradually than does supplementary benefit. Employers should adopt a far more flexible attitude to working hours and conditions. However, the fundamental issue is the need to raise the pay and status of working women. One measure would be to increase training opportunities for women and girls.

A number of recommendations are made on the social services. There should be a considerable expansion in day-care services provided or supported by public authorities, and central and local government should encourage the provision of day nurseries by employers. Schools are asked to make the best possible arrangements to assist schoolgirls who become pregnant and who want to continue their education. The proposed expansion of facilities so that children up to the age of five can stay with their mothers in prison should be implemented as soon as possible.

The Committee estimates that there were, in April 1971, 620,000 one-parent families with over one million children. 100,000 families were motherless. Of the fatherless families, 190,000 were separated, 120,000 divorced, 120,000 widowed and 90,000 single. One-parent families formed about one-tenth of all families with children.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ONE PARENT FAMILIES: CONFERENCE ON THE FINER REPORT

A two-day conference to discuss the recommendations of the Finer Report will be held at Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, SW1 on 16th/17th October, 1974.

Speakers include: Vicecountess Hanworth, JP: Professor O R McGregor: Frank Field: Janet Hadley: Chris Holmes: Marion Cutting: Sydney Isaacs: Stephen Lloyd: Clive Morrick: Marjorie Proops: Shirley Frost: The Rt Hon Barbara Castle MP and Mrs Margaret Bramall, OBE, JP.

Fees: Two days (including lunch) £7.50 (without lunch) £4.00:

One day " £3.75 " £2.00

Applications to: Conference Organiser
National Council for One Parent Families
255 Kentish Town Road
NW5 2LX

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Amnesty International CHAIRMAN	The Rev Paul Oestreicher
Chest & Heart Association CHAIRMAN	Lord Hill of Luton
Greater London Association for the Disabled DIRECTOR	Mrs Margaret Lorek
FIELDWORK CONSULTANT	Miss Evelyn Eccles
Institute of Welfare Officers GENERAL SECRETARY	Mrs Barbara Amos
National Council of Social Service HONORARY TREASURER	R M L Webb
SHAC RESEARCH OFFICER	Nick Raynsford
TRAINING OFFICER	Iain McNeill
SSAFA CHAIRMAN	Lt General Sir Napier Crookenden, KCB
Women's Group on Public Welfare SECRETARY	Mrs Janice Corless
WRVS Organisation National Headquarters CHAIRMAN	Baroness Pike

The LEGAL ACTION GROUP is now at 28a Highgate Road, NW5 (485 1189)

The TOY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION is now at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, E1 (247 1497)

The Hammersmith Drug Liaison Committee becomes the HAMMERSMITH ADDICTION LIAISON COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

21/22 September two-day Pre-School Playgroups Association conference on 'The Role of Opportunity Playgroups for Young Handicapped Children and their Families'. Lake Hall, University of Birmingham. Fee: £7.60 including meals. Enquiries to PPA (Opportunity Playgroups), Alford House, Aveline Street, SE11.

25th September. King's Fund Centre lunch talk 'Health Services and Personal Social Services - Policy and Practice' Raymond Clarke, Secretary Personal Social Services Council. 12.15 pm. Enquiries to Mrs A Wong, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1H 6AN

27/29th September Weekend conference 'Police in Society' at Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford. Speakers include: Rt Hon William Deedes, MP: John Alderson: Kenneth Urwin: Peter Marshall: Geoffrey Dear: John Brown. Fee: (resident) £15; (non-resident, including meals) £10.50. Enquiries to Audrey Brown, Language & Social Studies Department, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0AL.

S T O P P R E S S

A comprehensive 32 page guide of services and matters of interest to the elderly has just been issued by the London Borough of Southwark. 30,000 copies are to be distributed throughout the borough, beginning with the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe areas, where there is a large concentration of old people. Every effort will be made to see that the housebound receive copies of this Guide.



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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILS

The Department of the Environment has issued a consultation paper 'Neighbourhood Councils in England' which discusses the suggestion that statutory status should be made available to neighbourhood councils in areas of England where there are no parish councils. The paper points out that neighbourhood councils established on a non-statutory basis in individual urban neighbourhoods have flourished in recent years, bringing 'substantial benefits' to the areas they serve. It says that, working in co-operation with ward councillors (although not dependent upon them) such councils can reinforce the latter's work. Neighbourhood councils can give closer coverage to the needs and wishes of the locality than it is physically possible for the limited number of ward councillors to do.

The government therefore considers that the time is ripe to give further impetus to the neighbourhood council movement. One way would be to make statutory powers available where and when the local people want them. Some potential benefits would be that councils were properly elected by the residents as a whole (not just, for example, by members of an association), there would be a measure of stability and continuity and councils could more easily employ the expertise required.

The paper suggest that such statutory neighbourhood councils would receive a limited amount of public money and the formal right to receive notification of planning applications, perhaps with other rights of consultation. They would cover areas of, possibly, 3,000/10,000 people, 'preferably nearer the lower end'. Among issues that would need resolving is the question whether some members of neighbourhood councils should be representatives of particular organisations or minority communities, who might not otherwise seek election.

It is suggested that some practical steps to set up a council would have to be taken by the borough or district council, but that the starting point needs to be local initiative. This suggests that a statutory neighbourhood council should be set up only when a certain number or proportion of the earea so wish. The question posed is how large a number or proportion.

The Executive Committee of the SCVS consider that this is an issue of general importance and they are proposing to arrange a Consultative Meeting on the subject. Would all those who would be interested in taking part in such a meeting themselves, or who are prepared to suggest others who might be invited to do so, please send their names to the General Secretary to arrive not later than 18th October. It is proposed to hold the meeting early in November.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All member organisations will receive the Minutes of the last AGM with this Newsletter. We would like to draw your attention ^{an error which} to/has been made in the list of attendance. In this Mr S R Howell is listed as Honorary Secretary - Mr Howell is, of course, our Honorary Treasurer.

REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Rev Clifford Wright, who has for a long time been the SCVS representative on the Community Development Project Committee, felt that the time had come for him to withdraw from this. As a consequence of his resignation, we are pleased to announce that the SCVS representative for the future will be the Reverend Christopher W Gonin, Rector of St Mary Newington.

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3rd Thursday of Month
7.00 - 8.30 pm

BURGESS

Room 71, Town Hall,
Peckham Road, SE5
Alternate Fridays
7.30 - 8.30 pm
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7.00 - 8.00 pm
(2) Pilgrims Way Junior School,
Manor Grove, SE15
Alternate Fridays
8.00 - 9.00 pm

FRIARY

North Peckham Library Hall,
Civic Centre, 600 Old Kent Rd.
1st Thursday of the month
7.00 - 9.00 pm.

THE LANE

(2) Thomas Calton Upper School
CANCELLED from 14th March
after 11th April at
Nunhead Residents' Association
Evelina Road, SE15
Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm
and from 18th April at
St James Catholic Church Hall,
45 Elm Grove, SE15
Alternate Fridays 7.00 - 8.30 pm

LYNDHURST

(1) Dog Kennel Hill Primary School
Dog Kennel Hill, SE22
1st Friday of the month
7.00 - 8.30 pm
(2) Blanchdown Community Centre
Denmark Hill Estate, SE5
Last Friday of month 7.00 - 8.30 pm
(3) United Reform Church
East Dulwich Grove, SE22
2nd Friday of the month
7.15 - 7.45 pm

ST GILES

Room 71, Town Hall,
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Mark Members' Surgeries**OF SURGERY****DAY & TIME**

sey Library Small Hall, Spa SE16	Alternate Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
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& St Clement's Primary School Road (North Cross Rd) SE22	Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
Services Area Office, Lady Duse, 58 Hawkestone Road, SE16	1st & 4th Thursdays 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 24th October
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2nd Friday of month
7.00 - 8.15 pm
From 8th November

Chaucer

Squires Youth Club, Harper Road,
SE1

2nd Friday of month
6.30 - 8.00 pm
From 8th November

College

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Seeley Drive, SE22
(2) Bew Court Tenants Hall, Lordship
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London Borough of Southwark Members' Surgeries

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Bellenden	(1) Social Services Area Office, 47b East Dulwich Road, SE22 (2) Bellenden Neighbourhood Information & Advice Centre, St Saviours Church Hall, Coplestone Rd SE15	2nd Friday of month 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 8th November 4th Friday of month 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 25th October
Alleyn	St John & St Clement's Primary School Archdale Road (North Cross Rd) SE22	Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
Bricklayers, Dockyard & Rotherhithe	Social Services Area Office, Lady Gomm House, 58 Hawkestone Road, SE16	1st & 4th Thursdays 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 24th October
Browning	Mayor's Parlour, Municipal Offices, Larcom Street, SE17	1st & 3rd Fridays 5.30 - 7.30 pm From 18th October
Brunswick	(1) The Vicarage Hall, St George's Church, Wells Way, SE15 (2) Sceaux Gardens Tenants Hall, Havil Street, SE5	Alternate Saturdays 11.00 - 1.00 pm From 26th October Alternate Saturdays 11.00 - 1.00 pm From 19th October
Burgess	Information Room, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5	Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 8.30 pm From 18th October
Cathedral	Charles Dickens Primary School, Lant Street, SE1	2nd Friday of month 7.00 - 8.15 pm From 8th November
Chaucer	Squires Youth Club, Harper Road, SE1	2nd Friday of month 6.30 - 8.00 pm From 8th November
College	(1) Hannen Room, Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, SE22 (2) Bew Court Tenants Hall, Lordship Lane Estate, SE22	2nd Friday of month 7.30 - 8.30 pm From 8th November 4th Friday of month 7.30 - 8.30 pm From 25th October

WARD	LOCATION OF SURGERY	DAY & TIME
Consort	(1) Acorn Estate Tenants Hall, Queens Road, SE15	Every Friday 7.00 - 8.00 pm From 18th October
	(2) Collingwood Annexe School, Leo Street, SE15	Every Friday 8.00 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
Faraday	Social Services Area Office, 27/29 Camberwell Road, SE5	Every Friday 7.00 - 8.00 pm From 18th October
Friary	North Peckham Library Hall, Civic Centre, 600/608 Old Kent Road, SE15	2nd Friday of month 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 8th November
The Lane	(1) Nunhead Residents' Association, 100 Evelina Road, SE15	Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
	(2) Thomas Calton Upper School, Choumert Road, SE15	Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 25th October
Lyndhurst	(1) Dog Kennel Hill Primary School, Dog Kennel Hill, SE22	1st & 3rd Fridays 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 18th October
	(2) Blaisdowne Community Centre, Denmark Hill Estate, SE5	2nd & 4th Fridays 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 25th October
	(3) United Reformed Church, East Dulwich Grove, SE22	2nd & 4th Fridays 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 25th October
Newington	St Albans' Hall, Manor Place, SE17	Every Friday 7.00 - 8.00 pm From 18th October
Ruskin	Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, SE24	Alternate Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 18th October
*Rye	Friern Girls' School, Dunstons Road, SE22	2nd & 4th Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm From 25th October
St Giles	Information Room, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5	2nd Friday of month 7.00 - 8.30 pm From 8th November

WARD

LOCATION OF SURGERY

DAY & TIME

*Waverley	(1) 22 Linden Grove, SE15	2nd Friday of month 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 8th November
	(2) Ivydale Primary School, Ivydale Road (Bellwood Road), SE15	4th Friday of month 7.30 - 9.00 pm From 25th October

* Subject to confirmation

BEFRIENDING SCHEME

The Southwark Association for Mental Health will be holding a Training Course for voluntary workers in the form of six seminars to be held on Monday evenings from 28th October at 7.30 pm at the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, SE5. The series is designed to explain mental ill-health and the ways in which people under stress in the community can be befriended. Full details may be obtained from J T Willmin, Organiser of Voluntary Service, St Francis' Hospital, SE22 (693 3377 x 3304).

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Befriender is invited to contact The Secretary, Southwark Association for Mental Health, 133 Sydenham Hill, SE26 6LW (693 2600 - home: 777 6611 - work).

MOBILE CINEMA PROGRAMME

The Bankside Globe Cinema, together with the World Centre for Shakespeare Studies, has a small grant from the GLC Arts Board to operate a mobile cinema programme. They would like to present films in hospitals, children's homes, homes for the disabled and for the elderly, in short for those who are physically unable to attend their cinema at Bankside. They are also open to suggestions of other places which might be appropriate. They are keen to hear from individuals or organisations who may wish to take advantage of their service. Shows will be available at any time of day but at present the evenings are more readily available.

As the grant may be insufficient to cover the full expenses of the venture, they would appreciate any assistance with the cost of each show that may be possible. Each show costs approximately £22/£50 depending upon the cost of film hire, distance etc. Any payment would be regarded as a contribution and is not in any way obligatory.

For full details please contact Miss Southam at 40 Bankside, SE1 (928 4229 & 928 6344) as soon as possible.

GENERAL MATTERS

ADVICE FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Inter-Action Advisory Service offers help to voluntary organisations and community groups on Organisation: Finance & Accounts: Fund Raising: Survival & Growth: Legal Problems: Charitable Status: Property & Housing: Pressure Group Tactics: Planning & Environmental issues: Relations with Public Authorities: Play & Recreation: Publishing & Printing: Public Relations: Community Development: Community Festivals. They have six full time advisors plus twenty more who are professionally employed elsewhere but help part time. Anyone wishing to make use of the service should ring 267 1422 and ask for Mark Sinclair or write to Inter-Action Advisory Service, 14 Talacre Road, NW5.

SITUATION VACANT

The Greenwich Association of Voluntary Service is looking for a part-time General Secretary to work three days a week or the equivalent. A recently retired person would be considered. Full particulars may be obtained from the Chairman, Greenwich Association of Voluntary Service, St Mary's Church, Woolwich, SE18.

SEXUAL COUNSELLING: TAPE RECORDINGS FROM THE BROOK ADVISORY CENTRES

The BAC have produced three tapes to help those involved with the counselling of the young. These are:-

'Hullo Gorgeous': which comprises seven short interviews with young girls (not Brook clients) and with mothers, about sexual relationships and sex education to promote group discussion. Time: 32 minutes. Cost - 5" tape £3.10: Cassette £2.60 (inc P & P): or to hire 50p a month. From Brook Advisory Centre, 9 York Road, Birmingham B16 9HX.

The two other tapes are of Dr Ruth MacGillivray and Pauline Crabbe, Doctor and Social Worker from London BAC. In 'Abortion Counselling' they describe their approach to abortion counselling; confirmation of pregnancy; what the client needs to know about abortion, who needs advice and why; referral to the gynaecologist, ante-natal clinic and contraception for the future. Time: 24 minutes.

In 'Counselling for Young People' they discuss the problems of the 15 to 18 year old; hidden fears; inaccurate information; serious emotional problems; the medical approach; the interview; the confidential nature of the consultation. Time: 19 minutes. Both available on open reel tape or cassette. Cost £3.50 + v a t: hire charge £1.50 + v a t per month. These tapes may be heard on a 48 hr limit on application to Valerie Gilbert, Brook Advisory Centres, 233 Tottenham Court Road, W1P 9AE.

AFTER SIX

The full title of this organisation is the After Six Housing Advisory Service Trust Ltd and it was originally set up in 1972 to tackle the problem of the childless couples and single people who became homeless, neither of which categories were receiving much help for other sources. It now has a permanent staff of five and will shortly be moving to new premises in the annexe to the former Charing Cross Hospital. This will enable the service to operate on a truly London-wide basis, providing a 24 hour, 7 day a week service. So far they have dealt with over five thousand initial enquiries as a full-time organisation. Most were from people under thirty, working in low-paid unskilled or clerical occupations, and already living in London. They currently receive about 200 enquiries a week, of which three quarters are successfully resolved. After Six operates on a shoe string and is now appealing for help in kind to furnish and equip their new premises. They would love to hear from anyone able to help them with typewriters, desks, tables, office and easy chairs, cupboards, filing cabinets, stationery, curtains, carpets, rugs, crockery, cutlery, cleaning equipment and paint! Anyone able to help with cash or in kind should telephone them between 10 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday at 836 6534 or at other times at 254 9844.

FOR WOMEN

AWARE - Action for Women's Advice, Research & Education - is a newly formed national information service for women offering advice on abortion, unemployment benefit, contraception, credit, divorce, employment etc. It works from the South London Women's Centre, 14 Radnor Terrace, SW8 (622 8495) from 7.00 - 9.30 pm Mondays to Fridays. For further information ring Julie Tant (733 8630) or June Wilson (445 0580).

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

12th October: Day Conference on Handicap, Adolescence and Stress arranged by National Council for Special Education, Greater London Branch, at Ethel Cox Hall, College of Fashion & Technology, John Princess Street, W1. Speakers include: Lord Feather; Dawn Murrell; Dr Jessie Parfitt and Lady Hamilton. Fee £1.50. Inquiries to D W Thackray, Branch Secretary, 53 Westbere Road, NW2 3SP.

12th October: Day Conference Women, the Bill and beyond - What women want now. Details from the Conference Secretary, Fawcett Society, 27 Wilfred Street, SW1 (828 1828).

16th October: Annual Meeting of the Housing Centre Trust Housing since the War - changes in design and expectations. Speaker: Kenneth Campbell. 5 pm for 5.30 pm at 13 Suffolk Street, Pall Mall East, SW1. Inquiries to the Housing Centre Trust, 13 Suffolk Street, Pall Mall East, SW1Y 4HG.

19th October: 25th Anniversary of the United Nations: Interfaith Ceremony at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. 10.15 for 10.30 am.

Assisting the Physically Handicapped Housewife: The Harrow College of Technology & Art, in association with the Disabled Living Foundation, is arranging a series of courses, each of four three-hour sessions, at the Aids Centre, Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, W1, for the benefit of those concerned with helping the disabled to run their own homes. The sessions will be on:- The Wheelchair User: The Ambulant Disabled Housewife: The Housewife with the use of only one Arm: The Partially Sighted Housewife. They will all be largely practical in nature. Starting Dates for the courses are as follows:-

Voluntary Workers	21st October 1974	Health Visitors	10th February 1975
Health Visitors	18th November 1974	Social Workers	7th April 1975
Home Helps	13th January 1975	Home Helps	5th May 1975

Each course is on a Monday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Course fee £8.00. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Harrow College of Technology & Art, Northwick Park, Harrow, HA1 3TP.

23rd October: Medical Sociology Group's monthly meeting Accidents in Childhood Speakers: Mike Wadsworth (MRC Unit, LSE); Mike Calnan (National Children's Bureau). 6 pm at 51 Harley Street, W1. Inquiries to the Medical Sociology Group, Social Research Unit Seminar Room, Bedford College, 51, Harley Street, W1.

24th October: Howard League Lecture Prisoners and the Law Speaker: Graham Sellick, lecturer in law, Queen Mary College. 7 pm at the LSE, Houghton Street, Aldwych, WC2. Fee to non-members 20p. Inquiries to Howard League for Penal Reform, 125 Kennington Park Road, SE11.

27th October: 25th Anniversary of the United Nations United Nations Service St Mary's Church, Bermondsey Street, SE1. 10.45 for 11.00 am.

28th October: Co-Counselling Southwark Group. Fundamentals Class Open session providing an introduction to Co-counselling. For those who wish to continue there will be a series of 10 weekly sessions and a full day. Fee for full course £17. Inquiries to Don Clarke, Consortium, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5 (701 2209).

2nd November: Day Conference on Treatment of Offenders in the Community arranged by Howard League for Penal Reform at Bedford College, Regent's Park, NW1. Fee £4.50. Inquiries to Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of London, 7 Ridgmount Street, WC1.

5th November: King's Fund Centre Lunch Talk Priorities in Health Care
Speaker: Miss Clare Rayner. 12.00 for 12.15 pm. Fee £1.50 inc lunch.
Applications to Mrs A Wong, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1H 6AN
before 22nd October.

November 10th: Remembrance Service Municipal Offices, Walworth Road,
SE17. 10.40 am.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, OFFICER OR NAME

Age Concern - Greater London DEPUTY ORGANISING SECRETARY	Mrs Maureen Smith
British Council of Churches CHAIRMAN, Race Relation Unit	The Rev Dr Colin Morris
Cheshire Foundation Home for the Sick HONORARY TREASURER	J M Tinsley
Circle 33 Housing Trust DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	Mrs Pat Brown
National Adult School Union GENERAL SECRETARY	Leonard Sanders
Disablement Income Group Caretaker in place of DIRECTOR	Edward Caffery (pending new appointment)
THE ALBANY TRUST 18 Corsica Street, N5 1JN (359 7019)	
THE LADY HOARE TRUST FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN, 2 Milford House, 7 Queen Anne Street, W1M 9FD (637 1545)	
THE RUNNYMEDE TRUST, 62 Chandos Place, WC2 4HH (230 3424)	
THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT OF BRITAIN & IRELAND, Wick Court, Wick, Bristol (Abson 3377).	

SCVS DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN SOUTHWARK - AMENDMENTS

- p 51 Information Centre, Reference Library, Spa Road, SE16
Delete 237 2441 substitute 237 6677 x 306
- p 81 Assessment Unit, 2 Sedgmoor Place, SE5
Delete Mr P Barlow substitute Mrs Price
- p 110 Cottage Green Baptist Church
Delete the Revd M A Beaton substitute the Revd Paul Jackson
- p 111 Drummond Road Baptist Church
Delete the Revd J Collins, 72 Ilderton Road, SE16 substitute
Mr Tanner, 36 Guinness Trust, Kennington Park Road, SE11.

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S T O P P R E S S

Since this Newsletter was set out there has been an
alteration in the Members' surgeries.

BRICKLAYERS is now with ABBAY & RIVERSIDE instead of
with Dockyard and Rotherhithe.

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APOLOGY

This month's Newsletter appears late and in a somewhat truncated form. There are two reasons for this, the first being sickness among our staff and the second the non-arrival of the Information Bulletin of the LCSS, on which we depend heavily for information on matters concerning the GLC area and national affairs. This Newsletter has had to be All Our Own Work and is somewhat shorter than usual as a result. We ask our members to accept our apologies and our explanation that we did not wish to get yet further behind with our work by waiting for the arrival of the Bulletin before going ahead with our own distribution.

NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILS

A report in the South London Press gave the impression that the SCVS was preparing to take action in initiating the setting up of one or more Neighbourhood Councils in the borough. This was a misunderstanding. The consultative meeting announced in last month's Newsletter, which will now take place on 15th November, was set up in response to a paper sent out by the Department of the Environment. The Department is asking the local authorities and others to give their views on the possibility of setting up Neighbourhood Councils on a statutory basis (existing Neighbourhood Councils are purely voluntary). The issues raised by this proposal are not as simple as might at first appear and the meeting which the SCVS is holding will try and explore the implications both for those concerned with the voluntary organisations and for members of local government. Lambeth Borough Council has encouraged the formation of Neighbourhood Councils as a matter of policy and among those who will speak at the meeting will be Jo Osorio from the Lambeth Neighbourhood Councils Office. Derek Lowman of the National Council of Social Service will speak to the paper which the NCSS produced in response to the DoE enquiry and one or more people from the Telegraph Hill Neighbourhood Council will give the benefit of their experience to the meeting.

SCVS DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

- p 21 Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children
~~Delete 'alternately 49 Grange Walk SE1'~~
Substitute Havill Street Hall, Havill Street, SE5
- p 52 Amenity Societies
Add Borough Society
Secretary: Miss B E North, 21 Trinity Church Square, SE1 407 5209
East Dulwich Society
Secretary: Mrs G Mitchell, 112 Friern Road, SE22 693 7174
- p 53 Dulwich Poetry Group
Delete Mr & Mrs Dawson
Substitute John Greatrex, 16 Arden Road, SE24 274 8484
Meets at the Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich Village, SE21
- p 67 Public Relations Officer: George S Graves
- p 68 Community Workers
Area 8: Community Care Worker (special responsibility for the elderly) Eric Snowball

SCVS Directory Amendments (continued)

- p 82 Add Wood Vale Residents' and Ratepayers' Association
Chairman: R B Grimmett, 85 Wood Vale, SE23 693 6127
- p 102 King George VI Memorial Club
Warden: (From 18th November) Mr F J Brooks
- p 118 Camberwell Council of Churches
Secretary: Delete Mr J Grimwood
Substitute The Rev I H N Carter, St Philip's Vicarage,
Avondale Square, SE1 237 3239

LOCAL MATTERS

ASLHE SOUTHWARK GROUP

Twenty seven members from sixteen estates attended the AGM of the Group. Elections were held for the Tenants Consultative Committee, the Group Executive Committee and the Editorial Board of the Southwark Tenant. The new Group Committee has discussed the implications of the proposed GLC District Consultative Committees and will recommend it to the Group meeting. It will also recommend the suggestion that the former Southwark Council Domestic Meeting should be replaced by District Consultative Committees. These two proposals should give GLC and Southwark Borough estates an opportunity to meet the officers in their own localities. The Committee will recommend to the Group Meeting that an application be supported for the funding of a full time worker in Southwark by Southwark Borough Council.

GYPSY SUPPORT GROUP

The Gypsy Support Group is continuing to press the Southwark Borough Council for the provision of a proper site for the gypsies now established in Asylum Road. The Council were refused exemption from the duty of providing a site by the Minister, Mr Anthony Crosland, and are now considering six possible alternatives within the borough, two of which may be thought suitable. The support Group points out that these proposals will be discussed on Wednesday, 20th November at an Open Committee.

PUBLIC MEETING - CAMBERWELL GREEN AREA - THE SURVEY & THE FUTURE

The Camberwell Society is holding a public meeting at 8 pm on Thursday, 21st November, at the United Reformed Church (at the corner of Grove Lane and Love Walk) when they will discuss the results of the survey which was carried out last winter and the next steps to be taken.

SOUTHWARK LITERACY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Southwark Literacy Development Group is planning to go ahead with the compilation of a directory of facilities, which, it is hoped, will be ready for distribution early next year.

London Borough of Southwark

OPINION SURVEY BY SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY PLANNING RESEARCH

The London Borough of Southwark has commissioned Social and Community Planning Research to carry out a survey within the borough with the stated object of ensuring that 'the requirements and the views of all sections of the community are taken fully into account by the Council in reviewing their housing policies and in formulating proposals to improve the environment and provide better job opportunities and amenities which would make Southwark a better place in which to live and work'. Social and Community Planning Research is a non-profit making organisation which

specialises in surveys for local and central government. The survey team will be able to call on the Council's own research and development specialists. Researchers have already begun work in the borough and will construct a questionnaire which will eventually be used for some 3,000 interviews throughout the borough. It is hoped that the survey may be completed by next spring and the results analysed and collated for report by next summer. Linked with this operation will be another survey relating purely to the physical condition of housing in the borough and the presence (or absence) of standard amenities.

GENERAL MATTERS

ADVISORY CENTRE FOR BATTERED CHILDREN

The NSPCC recently opened its National Advisory Centre on the Battered Child at Bounds Green Road, N11 (361 1181). The Centre provides a full range of specialist services including psychological and psychiatric facilities, in addition to its continuing research, paediatric assessment, treatment and nursery care for children referred. Education and consultative services are offered by the Centre on a nationwide basis to all the professions concerned. The Director of the Centre is Mr Raymond Castle, formerly Head of the Battered Child Research Department. A team of professionally qualified social workers are on call throughout 24 hours to deal with crisis situations, each carrying a limited caseload and working in close collaboration with social work agencies, medical and health authorities.

SPONSORED SWIM

The British Heart Foundation is holding its Annual Sponsored Swim at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Saturday, 16th November, 1974 from 2.00 pm - 8.00 pm. Swimmers of all ages and spectators are welcome.

THE NEW BRIDGE

The New Bridge, which is affiliated to NACRO, was founded in 1956 by a group of people concerned about the lack of after-care facilities for prisoners. Until three years ago it operated primarily as a befriending organisation but an advisory and employment scheme has now been added to the original concept. There are now about 90 active voluntary associates who befriend one or more men in prison and help them on their release. The London associates are divided into five groups which meet once a month and each group has a probation officer attached to it in an advisory capacity. At present there are not enough associates to meet the demand and New Bridge are anxious to hear from anyone interested in becoming an associate. All prospective associates first go through a selection process and are then expected to attend a training course before becoming accredited. Enquiries to Roy Robertson, Director, New Bridge, The Church of St Botolphs Without, Aldersgate, EC1 (606 3692).

GUIDE TO THE NHS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING

The National Association for Mental Health has published the first of a new series of occasional papers entitled 'Health & Social Service Merry-go-round!'. Written by Prof Kathleen Jones of the Dept of Social Administration & Social Work of the University of York, it outlines the changes in structure at national and local levels arising from the re-organisation of the social services, the NHS and local government. Copies are available, price 30p each inc Postage, from MIND, 22 Harley St, W1.

CHANGE OF OFFICER

London Council of Social Service

CHAIRMAN

Centre on Environment for the Handicapped

DIRECTOR

Lady Marre

Jean Sumons

CHARITY STAMP FUND

For the first time, a charity postage stamp will be issued by the post office on 29th January 1975. This will be a 4½p stamp with a surcharge of 1½p, the net proceeds of which will go to charity. The stamps will be available at all post offices for about a month and for a full year from the Philatelic Bureau and the seventeen special philatelic counters.

The Trustees appointed are:-

The Marquess of Bute
Mr Raymond Clarke
Col Lionel Evans
Sir Colin Thornley
The Countess of Mar and Kellie

and they have decided that the funds, when available, will be divided among charities in the following fields:-

- 1 Physical and mental health and disability
- 2 Addiction and dependancy (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation)
- 3 Welfare rehabilitation and care (including terminal) of the sick and disabled
- 4 Research and innovation (in the context of 1, 2 and 3)

The major part of the funds will be distributed to charities with a broad base of operations throughout the whole UK while a smaller proportion will be reserved for other organisations which demonstrate a particular localised need. Some charities are already planning an issue of First-Day Covers for these stamps. If any organisation is interested in such a proposal, either individually or in concert with others, they are advised to get in touch with Mr Foster Murphy at the National Organisations Division of the National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, WC1. (636 4066)

PRACTICAL RE-CYCLING

Unwanted spectacles are needed for refurbishing and grading for re-use by the African poor. If you have any lying around please send them to Albert Bailey, The British and Overseas Optical Mission, Himstock, Sandy Lane, Church Crookham, Hants.

CONFERENCES COURSES AND MEETINGS

In-Service Training Course in Community Work The NCSS, in conjunction with Leicester University are inviting applications from those engaged in full time work where a major component involves the use and knowledge and skills of community work for a course of 13 days over a four month period. Participants will be from voluntary and statutory agencies as well as from different fields, eg Race Relations, Planning, Social Services, Councils for Voluntary Service, Adult Education etc. and will be involved in some demanding projects which will require some allowance of time by the employer. A minimum of half a day a week and preferably a full day may be required. The course dates are as follows:-

Introductory day seminar Tuesday 10th December
First residential period 6th/10th January 1975
Day seminars Thursday 30th January/Thursday 27th February
Final residential period 24th/28th March 1975

The total cost of the course is £85 of which £45 is the course fee and board and accommodation is £40. Special bursaries are available

for voluntary organisations to cover fees only, on application to the Training Department of the NCSS. Full information and application forms are available from the Head of the Training Department, NCSS, 26 Bedford Square, WC1 and the final date for applications is Friday, 29th November, 1974.

14th November

Howard League for Penal Reform Lecture: Christopher Holton, Senior Lecturer in Adult Education, Social Work, Extra-Mural Department, University of Bristol, on Circumstances of Victims at 7pm in room H216, Connaught House, Aldwych, WC2. Free to members, non-members 20p.

19th November

Flag Day for the Deaf and on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society, the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb and the Royal National Institute for the Deaf. FLAG SELLERS ARE NEEDED. Please contact the RADD, 7/11 Armstrong Road, W3 (732 6187)

25th November

The Council for Children's Welfare AGM at 6 pm in rooms 7/9 Friends House, Euston Road, NW1, followed at 7pm by a talk on the Finer Report by Prof O R McGregor. Tickets 60p from the Council at 183/9 Finchley Road, NW3 (624 8766)

25th November

King's Fund Centre Caring and Communication meeting intended for editors of 'caring' publications. Details from King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1. (262 2641)

25th/29th November

Developing Methods of Training in Citizens' Rights Residential course organised by the University of London, Goldsmiths College (Department of Adult Studies), 38, Lewisham Way, New Cross, SE14 (692 8068) at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, WC1. Enquiries to Teresa Bednall at Goldsmiths.

26th/29th November

AGE CONCERN'S national conference on THE PLACE OF THE RETIRED AND THE ELDERLY IN MODERN SOCIETY at Church House, Westminster. The conference, which will lay the ground work for a Manifesto which Age Concern will publish next year will include a reception and special interest meetings. Full details from Bernard Sunly House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey (947 3671)

Wednesday, 11th December :

Southwark Cathedral Christmas Party from 7 - 10pm in the Chapter House. Wine, food and entertainment. Tickets £1.00 from the Provost's Office. Proceeds to be given to the Bishop of Southwark for those in need in the Diocese at Christmas.



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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

FOLDING PUSHCHAIRS

In April this year we reported on the concern felt by the Standing Committee for the Under Fives over the safety of 'baby buggies' and it is interesting to note that the British Standards Institution is now taking action in this field. The BSI technical committee responsible for British Standard safety requirements for pushchairs is now devising more stringent requirements for the locking and safety devices of folding pushchairs in an effort to guard against accidents caused by misuse.

NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILS

The meeting arranged by the SCVS on Neighbourhood Councils was attended by a representative cross-section of people working within the London Borough of Southwark. The chair was taken by the Reverend Peter Challen, South London Industrial Mission, and the speakers included Derek Lowman, Community Work Division, National Council of Social Service, Jo Osorio, Lambeth Neighbourhood Councils Office and Rooney Martin, Telegraph Hill Neighbourhood Council. Mr Lowman spoke on the NCSS paper on Neighbourhood Councils and Mr Osorio and Mrs Martin talked of their personal experiences with various Neighbourhood Councils and the issues which these threw up.

LEGAL SERVICES: FORWARD PLANNING GROUP FOR INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES

In accordance with the mandate given to it by the Review Body for Information and Advice Services, the Forward Planning Group has been meeting to consider the existing provision for legal services within the borough, with a view to presenting a considered recommendation to the borough council at a later date. The collection of 'hard' information about the availability of legal advice to the ordinary member of the public is not easy and the Group would be glad to hear (via the SCVS) of any schemes either for giving legal advice or assisting people to obtain it which may not have been listed previously by us in our previous surveys.

URBAN AID: CIRCULAR No 13: HOLIDAY PROJECTS 1975

Local authorities are invited to submit for approval of grant under the Urban Programme their proposals for holiday projects to be run during the Easter and Summer Holidays 1975. Typical projects that authorities may wish to consider are:

- Educational
- Classes in the English language for people of minority groups
 - Courses to develop language in linguistically disadvantaged children
 - Education in arts and crafts eg painting, modelling, woodwork, sewing, knitting
 - Summer schools for gypsies

Urban Aid (continued)

<u>Community</u>	Projects designed to improve community relations, including those run in conjunction with public authorities eg the police Projects helping the local community eg visiting and shopping for the elderly and infirm
<u>Other</u>	Play schemes for children and their parents: organised schemes in schools and other premises, usually including arts and crafts, outdoor games and excursions Opening of school playgrounds and playing fields during the holidays Short holidays for children or families

A total sum of about £150,000 will be available for allocation for these projects. The Department's aim is to help authorities to launch new projects rather than to continue to assist those already established and grant-aid will not normally be approved for a project which has been aided in any two previous years. Because the funds available are so limited, local authorities are asked only to submit applications for projects which they would not be authorising without the help of grant under the Urban Programme. Successful applications are likely to be those on behalf of areas of great social need in national terms.

Costs can be kept to a minimum by enlisting the support and aid of voluntary organisations, recruiting volunteer helpers (including teachers and parents) and using accommodation and transport which is under local authorities' control but not required for other purposes during holiday periods.

Applications for each proposed project should be submitted in triplicate, giving in about three or four paragraphs practical details and brief factual evidence of the degree of social need in the area concerned. Applications should also include (a) details of cost as well as the total and (b) starting and finishing dates. Where two or three projects are proposed they should be listed in order of priority.

The closing date for applications for EASTER holiday projects is 31st January 1975 and for summer holiday projects 28th February 1975. It is hoped to notify authorities of the results of Easter holiday applications by 14th February and of summer holiday applications by 11th April.

Any questions about this Circular should be addressed to Mr J McBride (Tel: 211 7178).

NOTE This is a copy of the Circular as issued to local authorities. The SCVS has not received notification as yet of the closing date by which applications must reach the Southwark Borough Council but felt that members and subscribers would wish to be informed of the provisions at the earliest possible date.

SCVS DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

- p 1 Bede House Association
Amend entry to read:-
Dancing for 4 yr olds 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Hawks Club 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Senior Club for Boys and girls aged 14 - 18
8.30 - 10.30 pm
Tuesday's People 8.30 - 10.30 pm
Clare Club 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Drama for 11 - 13 yr olds Tuesdays
6.15 - 7.30 pm
Delete General Activities night
Add Rotherhithe Disabled Club Thursdays
2.00 - 4.00 pm
- p 101 Disabled Drivers Association
Amend entry to read:
This group meets every first and third Saturday of
the month at the Welfare Centre, 54 Ormiston Rd, SE10
- p 123 Disabled Drivers Association
new address - Ashwellthorpe, Norwich NR15 1EX
(Fondon Hall 449)

LOCAL MATTERS

London Borough of Southwark: Community Development Project

HOMELESSNESS AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A recommendation has gone forward for the funding of an enquiry into homelessness among young people to be carried out by the Southwark Forum. Concern has been rising over this problem of late and there is an absence of hard facts which this piece of research aims to remedy. The three groups mainly concerned are children under 16 who are ostensibly in a care situation but who 'go adrift' from time to time, children in the same age group who find their home situation intolerable and may leave for short periods to ease the tension and those over 16, who may be working and who can no longer tolerate overcrowded home conditions yet are unable to obtain accommodation which they can afford. It is hoped that it will be possible to produce and publish a report on the investigation relatively quickly in view of the urgency of the problem. The survey will be confined to the Newington district.

SKI-ING COURSES

Courses for beginners and for moderate skiers are available at the artificial ski slope in the Crystal Palace Park. Individual skiers with some experience may also use the slope. The latter must be authorised users of the National Sports Centre (£1.20 a year for adults: £3.00 for families and 60p for children). Applications may be made to Centre Courses, Crystal Palace NSC, Norwood, SE19 (Tel 778 0131/7 between 2.00 - 4.00 pm). Individual skiers pay 85p an hour, inclusive of the hire of skis, boots and sticks.

SWIMMING COURSES

Courses available at the Crystal Palace include Swimming, Learn to Dive, Life Saving, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross etc. For full details apply to the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood, SE19 (778 0131/7).

MORLEY COLLEGE COURSES

For Tutors and Speakers on Pre-Retirement Courses

Tuesday, January 7th 2.15-4.30 pm Preliminary Briefing

Wednesday, January 8th to 2.15-5.30 pm
Wednesday, March 19th

Wednesday, March 19th	Day Conference	Course appraisal and summing up
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Fee £1.00 Enquiries to the College Office (928 8501 x 35)

Understanding Alcoholism

Tutor: Derek Rutherford
10 sessions
Tuesdays 6.30-8.30 pm
from 7th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the Tutor in Social & Community Studies

Living with Deafness

Tutor: Clive Davis, CSW Dip DeafWel
6 sessions

Tuesdays 2.00-4.00 pm
from 7th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the College Office

Mentally Handicapped Children & Adults: Their place in Modern Society

Tutor: Miss Frances M Dean MBE SEN
Wednesdays 2.00-4.00 pm
from 15th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the College Office

The Role of the Volunteer in Effecting Social Change

Tutor: Giles Davill
6 sessions

Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 pm
from 8th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the Tutor in Social & Community Studies

Community Rights

Tutor: Kieron Coonan
One term

Thursdays 6.30-8.30 pm
from 16th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the College Office

Understanding Old Age

Tutor: Miss Marjorie Bucke OBE
6 sessions

Thursdays 10.00 am -12
from 7th January 1975

Fee: £1 Enquiries to the College Office (928 8501 x 35)

GENERAL MATTERS

SOCIAL WORKERS THEIR CLIENTS AND THE LAW

A new book by Michael Zander published by Sweet & Maxwell (Hb £3.00 Pb £1.40) aims to help social workers to recognise and identify legal problems and to know what action to take. Many such problems can be dealt with adequately by an informed person - others require professional legal attention. Apart from giving a concise guide to the legal system and the public's rights in law, the book should help workers to decide upon the right course of action to follow in each particular case.

PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

At the residential meeting in the summer of the Personal Social Services Council members were able to discuss the council's objectives, its method of work, and its relationship with central government, the local authorities, voluntary organisations and the professions. They came to a number of conclusions about how the council should approach its work

as a 'watchdog' - a constructively critical and independent voice for the personal social services. The council must not be afraid to speak out about matters on which others would sooner remain silent

in taking a broad view of the social services field, the council should address itself to difficult questions of governmental strategy. It should also identify problems which have a national significance

a more difficult, but nevertheless essential, task is to take an appropriate stance on 'political' issues - eg the need for a broad overview of planning land use policies and their relation to the personal social services

in its advisory role, the council will be involved in very close dialogue with the DHSS

the council should recognise the need to work with other government departments, especially in health, housing and education, to encourage joint planning and acceptance of joint responsibilities.

the council ought to be given the opportunity to comment on all draft legislation that might affect the social services, not least to ensure that its own long-term policy ideas are not affected by policy decisions in other or related fields

the expectations from central government and from the public are far greater than resources. Government should realise that new demands cannot be made on the social services without additional resources

there is a need for a combined approach to forward planning - with proposals from field level as well as administrators

the council has already decided not to establish specialist standing committees. The working party system seems preferable as it enables full use to be made of council members' expertise and the involvement of other skills and interests, including those of clients and consumers

members of the council have a personal responsibility to extend their knowledge of the personal social services. In part this will be achieved through involvement in working groups, projects etc.

Personal Social Services Council (continued)

Residential Homes

The PSSC has set up a working party to study standards of care in residential homes. The Chairman is Mrs N M E Eady of Leicestershire. The working party is to prepare recommendations on the principles and practices designed to promote the care of people living in residential homes and to produce guidelines for the effective management, supervision and administration of these homes.

CHARITY LAW AND PRACTICE

The National Council of Social Service has set up a Committee of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Lord Goodman to 'examine the effects of Charity Law on voluntary organisations in England and Wales, and to make recommendations which will benefit their work and development'. Among other things the Committee will examine the definition of charity and what charitable activity is; the legal and fiscal privileges which charities get and matters related to the registration, administration and control of charities. The Committee hopes to complete its work towards the end of March 1975, when it will report its recommendations.

The Committee is most anxious to hear from any bodies or individuals who wish to make specific comments or recommendations to them, arising from problems or difficulties which have been experienced with the law as it stands. They would also be interested to hear of any recommendations for reform of the law or its application which would be of general benefit to the work and development of the voluntary movement.

The Committee is particularly anxious to hear from local organisations who may wish to make comments, particularly on the way their local activities are affected (this would include registration with local authorities, local co-operation, street collections regulations, rate relief, charity reviews etc).

Comments should be sent to Foster Murphy, Secretary to the Committee of Inquiry into Charity Law and Practice, at the National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

FUTURE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

An inquiry into the role and functions of voluntary organisations in the UK in the last quarter of the twentieth century is being undertaken by a committee under the chairmanship of Lord Wolfenden. The inquiry is being financed jointly by the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust and the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. It is hoped that the work will be completed in eighteen months.

Members of the committee include:

Professor A W Bradley, Miss Helen Brotherton OBE, Alderman Mrs Gwyneth Evans, Sir Sidney Greene CBE, Professor R D Hadley, David Jones OBE, Dr Joyce Neill and J C Swiffield CBE. Michael Holton of the Carnegie UK Trust and Tony Hart of the Voluntary Services Unit, Home Office, are observers.

Future of Voluntary organisations (continued)

At the committee's opening meeting Lord Wolfenden posed the questions:-

what is the relevance, in the last quarter of the twentieth century, of the voluntary principle itself, which in earlier days, in the context of a society different in political, economic and social structure from that of today, played such an important part?

if the principle is not relevant, what are the consequences?

if the principle is still relevant, what changes have there been and should there be in the ways it is expressed and operated?

what is the right relationship between statutory and voluntary provision in, for example, what we broadly call 'the social services'?

where are the overlaps and gaps between the statutory and voluntary, and how can untidiness best be remedied?

what is the proper place for voluntary activity within the statutory services?

Invitations to give evidence have been sent to about 300 national voluntary organisations. Those who accept will receive guidelines indicating matters in which the committee will be most interested to receive evidence.

The secretary to the Committee on Voluntary Organisations is H G Croly CBE and its office is at Mary Ward House, 5/7 Tavistock Place, WC1.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES UNIT

The Voluntary Services Unit, which earlier this year became part of the Home Office, has now moved to offices at 4th Floor, Kingsgate House, 66/74 Victoria Street, SW1 (828 7722)

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

In addition to the charity card 'supermarket' at the Royal Exchange, EC2, charity card shops arranged by the Charity Christmas Card Council are now open at 29 Victoria St, SW1; 178 Edgware Road, W2 and 4 Harben Parade (Finchley Road), Swiss Cottage, NW6 during normal shopping hours (including late-night opening for the district) until Christmas. Inquiries about further sales points in central London may be made to the CCCC, 1 Long Acre, WC2 (836 9992).

CONFERENCES, COURSES AND MEETINGS

9th January

Kings Fund Centre Meeting the Mentally Handicapped

10.00 am - 4.00 pm Organiser: J R Elliott, from whom full details and application forms can be obtained

15th January

Kings Fund Centre Seminar organised jointly with the Sports Council Sports Buildings and Facilities for the Disabled

Details on request from Kings Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1 (262 2641 x 27).

C R I S I S A T C H R I S T M A S

Once again Crisis at Christmas will open their centre for the homeless from 23rd/28th December to provide food, shelter and companionship over the holiday break. For this they need old clothes, blankets, mattresses, food and, above all, plenty of helpers.

They are holding a sponsored pilgrimage on Saturday 7th December and Sunday 8th December from Canterbury to London and a festival of carols in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday 15th December to which everyone is invited. This will include the first performance of the 'Shepherds Dream' by the Southwark Singers and Orchestra.

Anyone able to help in any way is asked to make further enquiries to 'Crisis at Christmas', The Basement, 39 Moore Street, SW3 (584 3744).

CHANGE OF OFFICER, ADDRESS OR NAME

National Deaf Children's Society
CHAIRMAN

Stephen Tulmin

Voluntary Service Housing Society Ltd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd

British Association of Social Workers
GENERAL SECRETARY

Chris Andrews

Invalid Children's Aid Association
GENERAL SECRETARY

Mary Colbrough

British Thoracic and Tuberculosis Association
30 Britten Street, Brompton, SW3 (352 2194)

Christian Alliance
67 Woodfield Lane, Ashted Surrey KT21 2DR (Ashted 77281/2)

Runnymede Trust - Telephone 836 3266/9

GALS - EUSTON ADVICE CENTRE

The Girls Alone in London Service (GALS) has been able to obtain the use of one of the old gatehouses outside Euston Station from which to run an advice and counselling centre. It is known as the Euston Advice Centre and its services are available to any young girl in need of help and advice whether she is newly arrived or already resident in London. GALS's premises in Rosoman Street, near Exmouth Market, will become a short-stay emergency hostel for a small number of girls who are in urgent need of accommodation.

PRISONERS' WIVES ASSOCIATION

The Prisoners' Wives Association, which operates a 24-hr telephone advisory service for prisoners' families, has moved to larger premises at 14 Richmond Avenue, N1 (278 3981). This will enable the association to set up a hostel to provide limited overnight accommodation for wives who have to travel long distances to visit their husbands in prison in London. The organiser of the Association is Mrs Margaret Tuttle.



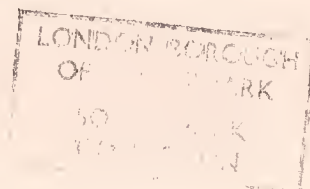
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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

NEW YEAR WISHES

We take this opportunity of wishing all our members and friends a busy and satisfying year's work in 1975. The year is likely to be a difficult and worrying one for us all, particularly in respect of our finances, but no doubt determination will enable much work to be continued and completed, though the initiation of new projects may well become more and more hazardous.

FAREWELL

The SCVS is sad to say goodbye to Miss Anne Bartholomew, formerly Community Officer in the Social Services Department, London Borough of Southwark. Anne was connected with the SCVS over a long period and since her return to the borough after her year's course, she has been a most valued member of the Executive Committee. We wish her every good fortune in her new post in the London Borough of Lewisham.

SCVS DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

- p 9 FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Delete Mrs P Regester
Add Mrs V J Janes
- p 11 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE (Southwark)
Delete Hon Organiser Mr Andy Willoughby
Add Hon Secretary: Miss Pam Bendall
46 Thornbury Road SW2 (671 0454)
- p 13 PECKHAM SETTLEMENT - Delete Advice and Information Centre
- p 20 BOROUGH & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (Formerly :
Delete 22 Marshalsea Road etc SNAG)
Add 108 Great Guildford Street, SE1 (928 8165)
- p 41 COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Aylwin
Delete Miss MJ Percy BA
Add Mrs M Barber
- p 49 BOYS' BRIGADE
Add 91st London, Hanover Chapel, Bellenden Road, SE15
Captain - RE Powell, 82a Stondon Park, Forest Hill, SE23
- p 51 GREATER LONDON COUNCIL
Add Information & Advice Centre, 256 Commercial Way, SE15
(639 5189)
Monday - Friday 10 am - 6.30 pm Thursday 10 - 8 pm
Saturday - 10 am - 12.30 pm
- p 76a KINGS' COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
Delete Cllr Mrs Brereton
Add Secretary: Miss Dilys Cossey
- p 76b FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Delete Mrs BJ Janes
Add Mrs. SM Martin
- RHA APPOINTMENTS
Delete AB Thompson
Add Mr GK Pallearos, 30 Rollscourt Avenue, SE24

p 79 ST JOHN'S HOSTEL FOR ELDERLY LADIES
Delete entry

p 86 Add London & Quadrant Housing Trust
79 Deptford High Street, SE8 (692 7224)

Wandle Housing Association, St Peter's UR Church
Beechcroft Road, SW17 (767 1425)

Second Actel, 105 Downs Road, E5 (986 3701)

Solon Housing Association Ltd, 381/3 Clapham Road,
SW9 (274 9990)

Note Southwark comes within the terms of reference of all
these

p 101 Add Hanover Housing Association, 168d High Street, Egham,
Surrey. Egham 5451/3 (*under organisation for pensioners*)

Will anyone who wishes to receive the reprinted supplementary pages
66/68 and 75/76b note that these are available on receipt of a
stamped self-addressed envelope plus a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ p stamp.

LOCAL MATTERS

PHAB CLUB

The Youth Leader of the Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied
Youth Club is anxious to draw in more of the young physically
handicapped people of Lambeth and Southwark to the Club. Members
must be in the age range of 14 to 20 and the Club meets on Friday
nights from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm at St. Giles Youth Centre, Benhill
Road, Camberwell, SE5. PHAB Clubs are not handicapped clubs as
such but youth clubs in which young people meet together for
social, recreational and cultural activities. Anyone who would
like to suggest someone for membership should get in touch with
Miss Eleanor C Fielding, 2 Manor Park Parade, Lee High Road,
Lewisham, SE13 (Work tel: 733 5588 x. 54. Home tel: 852 5022)

KING'S COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Meetings of the Community Health Councils are open to the public
and those of the King's CHC are held at 7.00 pm in the Recreation
Hall, St Giles Hospital, St Giles Road, SE5. Dates for the year
have been arranged as follows:-

Thursday, 16th January

Thursday, 20th March

Thursday, 15th May

Thursday, 17th July

Thursday, 18th September

Thursday, 20th November

Back copies of minutes and agendas will shortly be available in
branch libraries in those parts of Southwark and Lambeth which
come within the King's district boundaries.

ADOPTION GROUP

Recently formed is a Parent to Parent Information on Adoption
Societies group to cover Lewisham, Greenwich and Southwark.
The object of PPIAS is to help find adoptive homes for children
who are regarded as hard to place because of age, race or
medical history. The group also wishes to collect information
on the provision of adoption services in different local
authority areas and to provide a means through which adopters

and prospective adopters can meet. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting of the group would be welcome. Contact Elizabeth Tipping, St Saviours Vicarage, Lowther Hill, Forest Hill, SE23 (690 2499)

OVER 60 EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

It is widely known that many people simply do not receive the benefits to which they are entitled because they are either unaware of them or reluctant to claim them and the Report of the Over 60 Employment Bureau points this up. The report states:-

'It soon became obvious that many of the applicants were insecure because they knew so little about regulations governing State Pension Schemes of all types and the circumstances in which they could obtain or lose supplementary benefits and rent or rate rebates... This insecurity is not surprising for it is exceedingly difficult to get from any single source an authoritative interpretation of the regulations governing income tax, all types of pensions and social benefits as they affect pensioners on taking up employment..... It is distressing to see how the application of the complex welfare state affects the lives of ordinary people but to ensure that applicants know precisely what financial return they would get from taking employment it was essential to cover this detail in depth.....

The bulk of employment has been found in the area to which limited skills together with reduced physical reserves could be adapted. Part-time cleaners, messengers, doormen, handymen in warehouses and stores made up the bulk of the male outlets, the man with the law degree was employed in the export department of a bookshop..... Women were also found cleaning posts, routine clerical positions, a few to shop assistant and ... semi-skilled work in factories.

The figures for the period 1st June - 30th November are as follows:-

	Men	Women	Total
Applicants	322	205	527
Applicants placed	152	63	215

COMMUNITY HALLS IN SOUTHWARK

As a result of a survey carried out by staff of the London Borough of Southwark a Research Document is now available which lists all halls in the borough and categorises them under ownership, capacity, suitability, facilities, condition and availability.

GENERAL MATTERS

HYPOTHERMIA

As we enter the coldest months of the year it is necessary for all those in contact with the elderly and infirm to be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. It is particularly important to be alive to the danger because of the difficulty of detecting the onset of the condition, which occurs when a person's body temperature falls below 95°. The skin does not necessarily feel cold to the touch and the first indications may be abnormal behaviour, slow movements, pallor and shallow breathing. Where hypothermia is suspected it is essential to call a district nurse or doctor as immediate admission to hospital may be necessary.

In order to avoid the onset of the condition a room temperature of 60° - 65° should be maintained. Other important points are that the person at risk must have one hot meal a day and should be encouraged to take a little exercise, even if this only means moving round the house. A vacuum flask containing some kind of hot drink is excellent and should always be kept ready if there is any question of a power cut. Warm but lightweight clothing is recommended.

WORKING PARTY ON THE DISABLED

The working party on the integration of the disabled into society is seeking written evidence from organisations concerned with the disabled and from disabled people. It was set up in September this year by Action Research for the Crippled Child, following discussions between Lord Snowdon, Alfred Morris and Duncan Guthrie, director of ARCC. The Chairman is Lord Snowdon. The working party aims to identify areas where positive action is needed and to make recommendations. Sub-committees have been formed to look at problems arising through lack of integration in such areas as education and training, employment and livelihood, housing and public buildings, transport, community and personal relationships, sport and leisure, and the financial position of the disabled person.

Evidence for consideration by the working party should be submitted to the Secretary, Working party on Integration, 1 Springfield Road, Horsham, Surrey RH12 2 PN

FAMILY FUND

The Family Fund, which is administered by the Rowntree Trust, was set up in 1972 to give financial and other help to children who are handicapped from birth. It has so far been able to help about 10,000 families. Alfred Morris, Minister for the Disabled, has now announced that the fund's terms of reference are to be extended to enable handicapped children other than those who are congenitally disabled to be included. In future parents of all severely handicapped children, including vaccine damaged children and those injured in accidents, will be able to apply to the fund for help.

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING

The Personal Social Service Council's working party on adoption and fostering practice has commented upon the consultative documents prepared by DHSS. In response to questions raised by DHSS, the group has said

adoption and fostering must be seen as part of the total children and family service. It is, therefore, agreed that legislation should place on all local social service authorities a statutory duty to provide an adoption service as part of their general child care and family social services. The resource implications of this proposal should not be under-estimated.

it is considered that, where practicable, diversity should be encouraged and choice should be made possible for users of services in general. The co-existence of statutory and voluntary services is to be preferred to a wholly statutory service.

local authorities will have a positive task to perform if they are to assess needs and resources of voluntary societies in their area and of evaluating voluntary services. It is considered imperative that there should be some independent evaluation of services provided by the local authority services themselves.

it may prove difficult to establish a comprehensive service at local authority level and it is, therefore, considered that regional planning should be adopted in relation to resources and placement.

The group also comments on the use of custody as an alternative to adoption; the blocking by natural parents of applications for custody; the payment of discretionary allowances to substitute parents awarded custody; to adoption and relinquishment procedures; to the entitlement of adopted persons to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate and to the use of time limits relating to foster children and children in care generally. On this latter point the group says

it would be helpful to establish in the public mind that there is never any risk of parents 'losing' their children in cases where there is a positive bond between parents and their children in care.

Regular parental contact must imply spontaneous and sustained interest in and relationship with the child, as distinct from contact under direction or persuasion.

ONE PARENT FAMILIES: THE FINER REPORT: RECOMMENDATIONS & RESPONSES

The postponed Conference on the Finer Report will now be held on Thursday 20th February and Friday 21st February from 10.30 am to 4.45 pm at Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, SW1. Full details and booking forms from the National Council for One Parent Families, 255 Kentish Town Road, NW5 (267 1361)

ADULT ILLITERACY: ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESOURCE AGENCY

The National Institute of Adult Education has accepted an invitation from the Secretary of State for Education and Science to establish an agency which will be designed to help local education authorities and other organisations working with adult illiterates by:

- a providing audio visual and other technological aids, including video tape recorders, initially for use with the BBC's adult literacy programmes
 - b providing teaching materials
 - c arranging crash programmes of training for adult literacy tutors and trainers of tutors
 - d assisting voluntary organisations prepared to make premises available for adult literacy tuition with minor capital expenditure for necessary improvements
- and subject to the approval of the two Education Departments, making such other provision (including provision for action research and experimental programmes that can be completed within the year) which the agency may consider desirable.

It is not intended that the agency should grant-aid items of recurrent expenditure such as the salaries of tutors employed by local education authorities or voluntary bodies.

The agency should be fully operational by April 1975 and much of its work is expected to relate to the literacy project for adults which will begin on BBC television in the Autumn of 1975. The Secretary of the National Institute of Adult Education intends to inform voluntary organisations about ways in which the agency will offer help in meeting the educational needs of illiterate adults and organisations are asked to await this letter before making enquiries to the Institute at 35 Queen Anne Street, W1. (637 4241)

CHANGE OF OFFICER, NAME OR ADDRESS

British Association of Settlements
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

W E K Taylor

National Council for Civil Liberties
GENERAL SECRETARY

Patricia Hewitt

Volunteer Centre
DIRECTOR (from 6th January 1975)

Ian Bruce

The British Association of Settlements becomes the
BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SETTLEMENTS & SOCIAL ACTION CENTRES

Bookstall Services, 10 Etloe Road, Bristol BS6 7PA

British Association of Occupational Therapists, 20 Rede Place,
W2 (229 9738)

Jewish Welfare Board, 315 Ballards Lane, N12 (446 1499)

Euston Advice Centre (GALS)
Telephone 387 3010/387 5470

UGANDAN ASIANS: LCSS UNIT

Because of the continuing need of the most disadvantaged Asian families from Uganda, steps have been taken to provide some specialist social work support. An urban aid grant has enabled the LCSS to set up a small unit under the direction of the race relations officer. Father Jan Romijn is the welfare officer and is assisted by a welfare worker and secretary, all of whom speak Asian languages. The unit will operate for one year.

CHARITY POSTAGE STAMPS

The Trustees of the Charity Stamp Fund have now announced the names of the major charities which will benefit under the first issue of Charity postage stamps which will be available from 22nd January 1975. These are

Action Research for the Crippled Child
Age Concern
Cancer Research Campaign
Central Council for the Disabled
Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick
National Association for Mental Health (MIND)
National Council on Alcoholism
National Deaf Children's Society
National Society for Autistic Children
Royal National Institute for the Blind
The Samaritans

The minor beneficiaries have yet to be decided but the Trustees make it clear that they will be thinking in terms of hundreds rather than thousands of pounds in these cases in order to spread the benefit more widely,

These stamps will be available at all post offices but will not be issued unless the public specifically ask for them so it is important that there should be awareness of the chance that they offer for the public to contribute to charitable funds in a comparatively painless way.

Publicity material in the shape of small posters, car stickers and letter stickers/lapel badges is available from the National Council of Social Service and it is hoped that many charities will avail themselves of the opportunity of publicising this event.

COURSES CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK COURSE 'Town Planning for Community Workers' 6 Wednesday mornings from 29th January 1975. Course devised by John Palmer of the Polytechnic of Central London. Fee £5. Enquiries and bookings to Peter Rubin, Training Officer, Southwark Social Services Department, Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1 (703 6363).

One-day Courses at Southwark College, Tower Bridge Branch, Tower Bridge Road, SE1 on Pre-school provision and care. January 24th Gypsy Playgrounds: February 21st Children Under Stress: March 21st The New Children Bill: May 2nd Holiday Schemes. Individual sessions 75p.

NACRO Day Conference 'Journalism, Broadcasting and Urban Crime' 21st January 10.00 am - 4.30 pm at NFBTE Conference Centre, Duchess Mews, W1 also 'Children at Risk in School' 5th February. Full details available from Gerry Northam, NACRO, 125 Kennington Park Road, SE11 (735 1151)

King's Fund Centre Lunch Talk, Thursday, 30th January 'Targets for Child Care' Dr Mia Kellmer Pringle. 12.15 pm. Fee £1.50 including lunch. Enquiries and applications to Mrs A Wong, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1

National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A series of four day courses on 'Non-accidental injury to Children' starting on 21st January: 15th April: 16th September 7th October: 18th November and 2nd December. Fee £20. Full details from AP Lee, Tutor in Social Casework, NSPCC, 1 Riding House Street, W1 (580 8812)

RoSPA annual National Home Safety Conference. Harrogate 19/20th February. Details from RoSPA's Home Safety Division, Royal Oak Centre, Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey (668 4272)

Evening course on noise pollution and control at City University St John Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1

10 weekly sessions (Wednesday) beginning 15th January 1975 Includes some practical work in noise measurement. Fee £1.50

Enquiries to Adult Education Courses, Room A3 43, City University St John Street, London EC1V 4PB



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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

Newsletter

This month, as an experiment, your Newsletter comes to you in a different form and one which the Executive Committee hopes will prove to be acceptable. It has only been possible to make this change through the good offices of the Peckham Community Press, to whom we are indebted for the use of their typesetting equipment and for their willingness to produce the copies of the Newsletter at cost. If the setting out of the material is not thoroughly professional, blame that on us, as we are only learning the processes as we go along. We make a blanket apology for any errors and omissions which may occur but hope that our readers will find the end result an improvement on the old duplicated copy.

'What Legal Services for Southwark?'

There will be a meeting in the Lady Margaret Church Hall, 53 Chatham Street, SE17 at 8 pm on Wednesday, 19th February, 1975, to consider the questions which are raised by the present situation regarding legal services in the borough. The meeting has been called by the Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services, which has been looking into present provisions and considering possible alternative schemes which might be put forward to improve and supplement them. Among those who have been invited to take part are MPs, Councillors, court officials, lawyers, probation officers, police and workers from the advice and information agencies, together with some of their clients. The Forward Planning Group has produced a background paper which they hope will set the scene for the debate.

Outset

For the months of February, March and April, the children's charitable action organisation OUTSET, will be sharing the building at 53 Chatham Street and from there will be organising their project in the London Borough of Southwark. This project entails work on up to 200 gardens belonging to the elderly and handicapped of the borough. Messrs Wilkinson Sword have supported Outset by supplying them with a quantity of tools and the SCVS is hoping to be instrumental in obtaining at least some plants for the gardens when they have been cleared. The children work on a sponsored basis, each undertaking to put in 8 hours of work at so much an hour. The project in Southwark is part of a larger one, taking in a total of three inner London boroughs and 600 gardens in all.

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Urban Aid

The SCVS was intimately concerned, through its involvement with the Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services, with this year's applications for Urban Aid in the field of information and advice services. A great deal of time and effort was put into sorting out and discussing the degrees of priority to be given to these applications and the recommendations of the Group were accepted by the borough council when forwarding the applications to the Home Office. It is therefore with great disappointment that we learn that none of these applications was approved. Nine projects were selected for the London Borough of Southwark.

continued overleaf

These were:-

- The Women's Aid Centre: a refuge for battered wives.
- The Rolls Road permanent play scheme.
- The Bethwin Road neighbourhood playground.
- Windsor Walk Housing Association.
- Blendon Row Adventure Playground.
- The LA Child Minders' Project.
- A social worker for Cypriot families.
- A social worker for Ugandan Asian families.
- A second social worker for community relations work with the Peckham Project.

It would be of great interest to voluntary organisations throughout the country to know more about the criteria for decisions made by the Home Office and the methods they employ to select the schemes which attract grant aid. Sometimes, in despair, voluntary organisations begin to feel that nothing more sophisticated than a blindfold and a pin is involved!

Standing Committee for the Under Fives

Now that the new professional adviser for the Under Fives, Mrs Betty Peyton, has been in post for some weeks it is planned to call the Standing Committee together again and discuss with her the role which the Committee might play in the months to come.

LOCAL MATTERS

Directory of Literacy

The Southwark Literacy Development Group has now produced a guide to courses and other services for the benefit of adult illiterates in the borough. This will be widely distributed over the next few days and it is hoped that it will make all those who may come into contact with adult illiterates aware of the best sources of help for them.

From the ALHE News No. 55 January 1975

Southwark Tenants' Association

The development of the tenants movement in Southwark has been accelerated by the advent of a housing liaison officer with a brief to initiate tenants associations where the situation commends it. There are now 86 tenants associations in the borough. They vary in size and quality and in their forms of activity, confirming perhaps the law of uneven development. An expression of this is the large number of groups which remain outside the ALHE and its 49 member-estates and the number of resident associations which have sprung up in areas scheduled for clearance. These groups, representing tenants and owner-occupiers, have a different kind of problem from tenants on council estates and are a reminder that the tenants' movement has two dimensions. However, both residents' and tenants' associations have the same basic need for forms of tenant consultation which

Mobile Exhibition of Aids for the Disabled

The Spastics Society are siting their mobile exhibition in Waterloo Station from 10th - 14th February, 1975. This is a new, custom-built vehicle which contains many of the features of their previous exhibition vehicle but provides more room for their information bank. This contains details of 500 different aids and almost 150 aids are on display to be tried out by visitors. The emphasis is on aids to help the disabled person in their own home and kitchen, bathroom and light mobile lifting equipment have been assembled. An occupational therapist is in attendance to help visitors and answer queries. The exhibition will be open from Monday to Friday: 9.30 am - 6.30 pm. A hydraulic rear lift provides access for wheelchairs.

Residents Plan for East Bankside

North Southwark Community Centre Planning has produced a survey entitled 'Residents Plan for East Bankside' which sets out the priorities for the area as seen as a result of a survey carried out among the residents. Copies of the survey and its summary are available from North Southwark Community Development Group, 108 Great Guildford Street, SE1.

Holidays for Pensioners

Owing to the financial stringency of the times the London Borough of Southwark has withdrawn the payment of holiday grants to active pensioners over 70 as from 1st April 1975. Holidays will still be available for the disabled but the contribution level has been raised to £10. Camberwell Old People's Welfare Association has compiled a list of accommodation catering for pensioners at off-peak periods. Pensioners will have to make their own booking and travel arrangements and COPWA accepts no responsibility for conditions/terms or service at any of the listed hotels. Details may be obtained from COPWA, Central House, 33 Peckham Road, SE5.

GENERAL MATTERS

Child Minding In London

The Council for Children's Welfare and the Family Services Committee of the LCSS are jointly undertaking an enquiry into the employment and training of childminders in London. A review is to be compiled of numbers of childminders employed and of training and support schemes provided by statutory and voluntary agencies.

Questionnaires seeking information about schemes for childminders will be sent out in February. They will be sent to voluntary organisations by the CCW and to statutory agencies by the LCSS. Anyone not approached who has relevant information to offer is asked to get in touch with Philippa Russell of the CCW 183 Finchley Road, NW3 or Luise Nandy of the LCSS.

It is hoped that a report of the inquiry together with a detailed description of a few selected schemes will be

Community Workers in London

The LCSS's Department of Social Planning & Community Work has now issued a directory of community workers in London. This gives brief notes on the work of community workers - and some others with a community work element in their jobs - employed in nearly 200 voluntary and statutory agencies in London. It may be obtained from the Department at the London Council of Social Service, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR price 70p including postage, payable in advance.

Change of Officer, Name or Address

Christian Aid

DIRECTOR - The Rev Dr Kenneth Slack

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR - Martin Bax
(from summer 1975)

Handicapped Adventure Playground Association

FIELD OFFICER - Dorothy Whitaker

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

DIRECTOR GENERAL - John Pix Weston

Toc H

DIRECTOR - Kenneth Prideaux-Brune

Change of address

Centre for Environmental Studies

62, CHANDOS PLACE WC2N 4HG

Christian Action

EASTBOURNE HOUSE BULLARDS PLACE, E2
981 0041

Handicapped Adventure Playground Association
FIELDWORK OFFICE 203 KING'S ROAD SW3
352 2321

Housing Centre Trust

62 CHANDOS PLACE WC2N 4HG - 240 3424

The Scout Association

Administration

BADEN POWELL HOUSE, QUEEN'S GATE, SW7
584 6896

Programme & Training Department

GILWELL PARK, NORTH CHINGFORD, SW7
529 3753

Records Office

CHURCHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LANCING,
SUSSEX - Lancing 5352

Legal Department

CHANCERY HOUSE, 106 CROMWELL ROAD,
SW7 - 370 6171

Camp Sites

FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT CAMP, FEATHERBED
LANE, ADDINGTON, CROYDON CRO 9AA
651 2137

The Scout Shop will remain at 25 Buckingham Palace
Road, SW1.

Concession for Pensioners

Tickets are available for pensioners to attend the 5.30 pm performance on Fridays of the show 'DEJA REVUE', starring Sheila Hancock, George Cole and others at a special rate of 50p. New London Theatre, Parker Street, /Drury Lane, Covent Garden, WC2. Box Office 405 0072.

CHARITIES AND THE CAPITAL TRANSFER TAX

The National Council of Social Service is greatly concerned about the provisions of the finance bill and the effect these may have on charities. The NCSS summarises the situation as follows:-

1 The Position prior to March 1974

If a gift to a charity or charitable foundation were made by someone prior to twelve months before his death, he would have no tax to pay. If he made such a gift at death or had made one within twelve months of death, that gift would be exempt from estate duty up to a total sum of £50,000. In the past, regular gifts to charities have been made out of capital resources - our own incomplete records show that, between 1961 and 1972, at least £130,000,000 was given to charitable foundations (as distinct from service charities) in sums of not less than £50,000.

2 The Position arising from the Finance Bill

The provisions relating to Capital Transfer Tax as drafted in the Finance Bill appear to worsen the situation for donors to charity as under:-

(a) A donor will be liable for half the normal Capital Transfer Tax on all transfers of money or other property to charities made by him during his lifetime (unless (i) they come under the main exemptions in Schedule 6, Clause 2 (gifts not exceeding £1,000 a year) or (ii) Clause 4 (normal expenditure out of taxable income) or (iii) do not exceed the cumulative total of £50,000.

(b) Transfers by way of gifts made by such a donor to say a member of his family should be aggregated for the calculation of the rate of Capital Transfer Tax with gifts made by him to charity in excess of the cumulative total of £50,000 during his lifetime. For instance, if a donor has given £50,000 to charities and £50,000 to non-charities, a further £50,000 to charity would attract tax of £10,250, ie at half the rate applicable to gifts of £50,000 to £100,000. Or looked at from another view point, a donor having given £50,000 to charity might well be deterred from giving a further sum to charity, knowing that it would lift subsequent non-charitable gifts to a higher tax bracket.

(c) If the donor dies within a year of making a chargeable gift to charity, the reduction of tax by one-half no longer applies, so that in the above case a further £10,250 would be payable by the charity.

(d) The position of charities under the proposed arrangements is not only worse in respect of gifts inter vivos; it is also worse under a will, since the exemption limit of £50,000 now has to take into account not just the money left by will but also all gifts made during the whole lifetime. Nor do gifts to a charity under a will qualify for the half rate concession.

3 To complete the picture, the Bill provides for gifts to a very restricted sphere of charitable activity (largely limited to universities, national museums and art galleries, historic churches and the National Trust) to be treated as "exempt transfers".

SCVS DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

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- 3 Brook Advisory Centre
For Mrs. Joyce Haues
substitute Mrs. Joyce Hayes
- 4 Kings College Hospital
Secretary: Mrs Kate John
- 29 Senior Education Welfare Officer
Delete Mrs Murphy
ADD Mrs J Moroe
- 41 Kingsway ^{dale}
Delete Mr Rees, MA
ADD Mr D A Crispin, BSc.
- 52 ADD Peckham Methodist Church
Queens Road, Peckham
Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm
- 66 Borough Treasurer
Delete 237 2441 ADD 237 6677
- 67 Public Analyst
Delete 703 2446 ADD 703 5464
- 76 GUYS' COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
Secretary: Miss B Urquhart, OBE
St Olave's Hospital, Lower Road,
SE16. 237 8275.
- LB Lewisham - delete
Mrs H Mills and Miss Ramage
ADD Mr C Lineham, 54 Kerry Road,
SE14.
- Guys' Community Health Council meetings
are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at
6.30 pm at the Nurses' Home, St Olave's
Hospital. Members of the public are welcome
to attend.
- 83 ASCO
Delete Mr J Sanders, 21 Palamon Court
ADD Mrs Watts, 35 Palamon Court
- 85 PNO
Delete Mrs M Down, 31 Poplar Road
ADD Mr W Dyer, 29 Peplar Road

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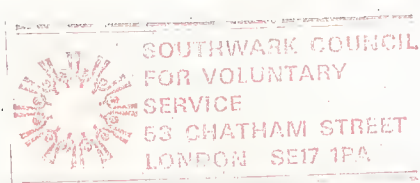
- 19th February: Association of Volunteers in
Social Work. Lunchtime meeting on
THE PREPARATION OF VOLUNTEERS
National Institute for Social Work, Mary
Ward House, 5/7 Tavistock Place, WC1.
Coffee from 12 noon. Meeting begins
12.30 pm. Non-members 15p.
- 22nd February: OPEN COMBINED ARTS
WORKSHOP FOR THE PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
Sir John Cass School of Art, Whitechapel
High Street, E1. For further informa-
tion write to Gina Levete, 8 Winthorpe
Road, Sw15 or telephone her after 4.30 pm
on 789 2943.
- 14/16th March: National Cyrenians' Con-
ference HOMELESS IN A DEPRESSED
BRITAIN' Speakers include Frank
Field, Patricia Hewitt, Vince Hines,
Anton Wallich-Clifford and Tom Gifford.
Fee (shared room) £7.50 (single room)
£9.50. At Spode House, Rugeley,
Staffs. Bookings to Cyrenians, 13
Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent by 1st
March, 1975.
- Helpers needed:
- 15th March: Southwark Society for Mentally
Handicapped Children. SOCIETY
SOCIAL at Dulwich Baths. Contact
Hon Secretary, Mr S Rhodes, or any
member of the Committee.
- 17th March: Association of Volunteers in
Social Work: Annual General Meeting.
7.15 pm at the National Institute for
Social Work. Speaker: Pauline Crabbe,
OBE, JP on TODAY'S PRESSURE ON
THE ADOLESCENT.

Helpers needed

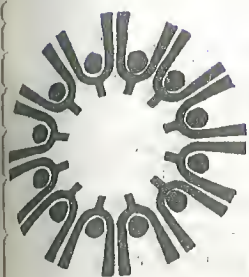
- 29th April: Mental Health Trust & Research
Fund. FLAG DAY and house to
house collection. Local Organisers and
collectors needed. Contact Elspeth
Robinson, MHT&RF, 8 Wimpole Street,
W1. 580 0145.

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Finance and all that

In view of the difficulties facing all local authorities, charitable bodies such as ourselves have an added need to consider ways of augmenting the grant-aid given to us by borough councils and other bodies and the SCVS Executive Committee has been considering possible ways of raising a little extra money both for ourselves and for our constituent members. There may be small organisations among our members who are feeling the pinch but who have such limited resources that they find it difficult to do much to improve their position. Over the next few months, therefore, the SCVS will be considering some alternative ways of involving our members in one or more fund-raising activities on a co-operative basis. We will be getting in touch with members over specific proposals but meanwhile it would be of interest to us if anyone who has views or even some original ideas on possible ways in which money might be raised could send them to us.

Directory of Social Services

The initial print of the Directory of Social Services (1974) in its new form has proved so popular that stocks are almost exhausted. We feel that this proves that the judgment which was made of the number to be printed was about right — we did not wish to retain stocks of out-dated Directories over a long period. This type of publication is in need of constant revision and up-dating and the longer the period between editions the more difficult this becomes.

The 1974 edition was financed by a most generous grant from a local Trust and since there is no available 'slack' in our finances we are now facing the problem of finding finance for a new edition of the Directory. Some costs will not be as high this time but others — such as the cost of paper — have risen sharply. This means that even if we can obtain support from one or more outside sources it is likely that the selling price for the new edition will have to be considerably higher than before.

Many of our constituent members have been extremely helpful in sending in corrections and amendments and we would appeal to them all to continue to do this. It not only helps us but also, ultimately, helps them because letters and 'phone calls go to the right person and the correct address and, in the case of services, people can be correctly informed about times of sessions, days of opening etc.

One element which was not covered in the previous Directory was that of 24 hour or emergency services and we would be most grateful to have informa-

tion from individuals or agencies who have knowledge of such services so that they may be included in a special section.

Meanwhile, to help all those who already have a copy of the present Directory and who find that the amendments are making it somewhat messy, we today print the page of information on Advice Services. This, we suggest, can be cut out and inserted in place of the existing pages 51/52. The new page will be white instead of blue but this cannot be helped.

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OUTSET - More Sponsors Needed!

By 21st February, Outset had been at work in the borough for three weeks. During this period they received referrals of 51 gardens and of these 6 were completely cleared. On paper, a volunteer force of 100 had been recruited, but difficulties are being experienced over unreliability - volunteers failing to turn up for the task to which they have committed themselves - so that a more realistic figure could be taken to be 50 volunteers. The tools provided by Wilkinson Sword have so far proved sufficient for the need and the sponsoring money is beginning to come in, but there is some disappointment that, to date, the average taking has been £1 for 8 hours' work. Outset aims at getting £5 from each volunteer for their 8 hour stint.

WHAT LEGAL SERVICES FOR SOUTHWARK?

Nearly 80 people crowded into the Hall at 53 Chatham Street on 19th February to take part in the discussion arranged by the Forward Planning Group for Advice and Information Services. There was general agreement on the need for improved legal services in the borough but considerable pessimism about the possibility of constructive action being taken in view of the present financial restraints. No conclusions were reached except that the Forward Planning Group should enlarge the representation of lawyers in its ranks and go ahead to look more closely and in greater detail at the difficulties involved in developing improved services than they have been able to do in their introductory paper. (Copies of the discussion paper are available on request from the SCVS but please send a sae.)

LOCAL MATTERS

New Post Created

It was recently announced that a new post of Deputy Director of Social Services in the London Borough of Southwark has been agreed upon.

Help the Aged

Help the Aged plan to open a combined Day Centre and sheltered housing unit for old people in Southwark. They will be forming a local committee to assist them with the task of raising the money required for the project, which is expected to be in the region of £100,000.

New Consumer Advice Centre

The new Consumer Advice Centre of the London Borough of Southwark was officially opened at its new premises at 376 Walworth Road, SE17 on 10th February, 1975. The Centre is open to the public from Monday to Friday from 9.00 am - 5.30 pm and on Saturdays from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Tel: 703 5040. In addition to the Consumer Protection Officer and his staff, the building also accommodates the council's

REPORT FROM SOUTHWARK FORUM FOR THE SINGLE HOMELESS

Lodgers and lodging schemes: The housing group, as part of the follow-up on the 'Housing and Single People' Report, has produced some notes on lodgers and lodging schemes for the information of Southwark Councillors and Housing Department officers. These explain why single people need lodgings, how existing schemes work, how a scheme could be started in Southwark and try to answer all the awkward questions that may be asked about a lodging scheme. Copies of the notes are available on request.

Homeless Kids in Southwark: The CDP Committee approved a three month grant for an enquiry into homeless young people in the Newington ward and since 1st December Brian Pearson has been working with the Forum on research into this. A Forum group meets fortnightly at Braganza Street to discuss the work, co-ordinate activities and plan ahead. A standard questionnaire has been designed and used for interviews with social workers, educational welfare officers, youth workers, the Probation Service and the Juvenile Bureau. An interim report is being prepared and will be submitted to the CDP Committee.

Empty Property Survey: A group has been working in preparation for carrying out a survey of empty property on the weekend of 1st March. As much background information as possible has been collected and contact has been made with groups in the borough who have experience of using short-life property. The survey will concentrate on one ward in the borough, which will be divided into half a dozen smaller areas for the purpose of parcelling out the work.

GENERAL MATTERS

HOW TO USE THE HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONER

MIND - The National Association of Mental Health - has produced a simple, legible guide to the functions of the Health Service Commissioner and the public's rights in relation to him. Single copies of the leaflet are available free of charge if a sae is sent to the Publications Department, MIND, 22 Harley Street, W1N 2ED. Bulk supplies are available at prices starting at £1.15 for 50 copies and ranging up to £10.45 for 500 copies.

QUAKER WORK CAMPS

The provisional programme of Quaker Work Camps for 1975 has now been issued. These camps are sponsored by Friends Service Council and Friends Peace and International Relations Committee. They are open to all irrespective of race, religion or nationality. Each camp has between 8 and 20 volunteers, about half from Britain and half from abroad, half men and half women. Everyone is involved in the running of the camps and in making the decisions. The present list includes nine camps for the summer in the British Isles and british volunteers are asked to write for full details and application forms to:- Caroline West, Personnel Department, Friends Service Unit, Friends House, Euston Road, NW1 2BJ.

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St Mary's Road, SE15

p 101 SPECIALIST PROVISION
& ORGANISATIONS FOR
THE HANDICAPPED

ADD S London Phobics
(aff to Surrey Phobics)
Kingswood House Community
Centre, Lyall Avenue, West
Dulwich, SE21
Self help therapy for people
suffering from agoraphobia.
Chairman: Mrs P Power,
2 Julian House, Kingswood
Estate, Lyall Avenue, West
Dulwich, SE21 Tel: 670 6245
Joining fee: 20p
Sessional fee: 10p

p 103 ROTHERHITHE DISABLED
CLUB
Bede Centre, Abbeyfield Rd, SE16
for adult disabled and their
escorts. Thurs 2.00 - 4.00 pm.
Enquiries to Miss M D MCGown,
4 Ridge Side, Bledoe Ridge,
High Wycombe, Bucks (024 027 287)
or Mrs J Woodd, Bede House, 351
Southwark Park Road, SE16.
(237 3881)

p 110 BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH
DELETE 4 Wickham Gardens
ADD 35 Knatchbull Rd, SE5
274 8565

p 116 Add CAMBERWELL EVANGEL-
ICAL CHURCH
65 Bethwin Road, SE5
Minister: Mr Fred Hintze 703 3290

AMENDMENTS TO LIST OF
COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

BELLENDEN

(1) Social Services Office,
47b East Dulwich Road, SE22
3rd Thursday of Month
7.00 - 8.30 pm

BURGESS

Room 71, Town Hall,
Peckham Road, SE5
Alternate Fridays
7.30 - 8.30 pm

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HANDLING THE HANDICAPPED

A book which should be of great use to the families and friends of the handicapped has recently been published by Woodhead-Faulkner Ltd., 7 Rose Crescent, Cambridge, in association with The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy 14 Bedford Row, WC1. It is a guide to the lifting and movement of disabled people and illustrates a vast variety of lifts which can be used in everyday situations. The book has been written in such a way that it is suitable for everyone concerned, the helpers and the helped. Pictures, captions and text are closely linked to provide maximum explanation in 120 pages of large type. Price £1.95 from booksellers or £2.20 from the publishers (including postage).

ADVICE

Greater London Council

Information Bureau, County Hall 633 3000
Information & Advice Centre, 256 Commercial Way, SE15
Mon/Fri 10.00 am - 6.00 pm: Thurs 10.00 am - 8.00 pm
Sat 10.00 am - 12.30 pm 639 5189

London Borough of Southwark

Information Centre, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 703 6311
Information Centre, Reference Library, Spa Rd, SE16 237 6677 x 306
Health Information Centre, Castle House Parade,
2, Walworth Road, SE1 703 703 6363
Consumer Advice & Protection Service,
376, Walworth Road, SE1
Mon/Fri 9.00 am - 5.30 pm: Sat 9.00 am - 4.00 pm 703 5040

Citizens' Advice Bureau

York Mansions, Browning Street, SE17
Organiser: Miss M J Oram 703 4198
Mon/Fri 10.00 am - 1.00 pm: 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
General information and free confidential advice on all problems;
landlord and tenant; marital and family; consumer queries.
Special Sessions:-
(i) Rockingham Advice Service
St Matthews Vicarage, 81 New Kent Road, SE1 407 2165
Thursday 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
(ii) North Peckham Advice Centre, 121 Farnborough Way,
SE15 (St Luke's Church Hall)
Tues 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm (temporarily suspended)

Advice Centre in the Blue

Manor Community Centre, Galleywall Road, SE16 3PB
General advice: Saturdays 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Legal advice: Tuesdays 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Welfare Rights Stall: Southwark Park Road Market
Saturdays 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Bellenden Neighbourhood Information and Advice Centre

St Saviour's Church Hall, Coplestone Road, SE15
Mon 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm: Sat 11.00 am - 1.00 pm
General advice, housing, legal, personal, schooling etc.

Blackfriars Information and Advice Service

44/47 Nelson Square, SE1 928 9521
Mon/Fri 10.00 am - 5.00 pm (mainly Welfare Rights)

DOCKLAND ENQUIRY

The environmental sub-committee of the House of Commons expenditure committee is to undertake an enquiry into the London docklands. The enquiry will concentrate on the implications for public expenditure of development in dockland, the organisational structure most suitable for this purpose and the relationship in regional development terms.

The Sub-committee proposes to take oral evidence from a number of witnesses including the Docklands Joint Committee, the Greater London Council, the dockland boroughs, the Department of the Environment and the Port of London Authority. It will be glad to accept written evidence from any other interested party. Evidence should be sent to the clerk to the sub-committee, C R M Ward. The sub-committee hopes to complete the enquiry by the end of April and to publish a report.

Lady Margaret Hall Settlement Advice Centre

73 Kennington Road, SE11 Organiser: Carol Protherough 735 5035
 Tuesday & Thursday 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
 Legal Advice: Tuesday & Wednesday 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm 735 1024

Waterloo Legal Advice Centre

14, Baylis Road, Waterloo, SE1 261 1976/1404
 Thursdays 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Cambridge House Legal Advice Centre

131 Camberwell Road, SE5 703 3051
 Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.30 am - 12.30 pm: 2.15 pm - 4.00 pm
 Thursday 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

See also: MP's Surgeries
 Robert Browning Settlement
 West Indian League
 Child Poverty Action Group
 Southwark Council for Voluntary Service
 Nunhead Residents' Association
 Upper Norwood Assn for Community Care
 Labour Party
 Community Development Project

AMENITY SOCIETIES**Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Society**

Secretary: N Haigh, 8 Grange Walk, SE1
 Concerned with maintaining high standards of town planning; is particularly concerned with preserving the special character of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.

Borough Society

Secretary: Miss B E North, 21 Trinity Church Square, SE1 407 5209

Camberwell Society

Joint Secretaries: Mr M Ivan, 24 Grove Lane, SE5 &
 Mrs Valerie Kent, 38 Camberwell Grove SE5 701 4758

Dulwich Society

Secretary: Capt D Wyatt, OBE, RN, 148 Thurloe Park Rd, SE21 693 2123

East Dulwich Society

Secretary: Mrs G Mitchell, 112 Friern Road, SE22 693 7174

ANIMALS

People's Dispensary for Sick Animals
 154 St James' Road, SE1 237 1206

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 1, Camberwell Station Road, SE5 274 6995
 Clinic for sick animals

COLLEGE

(2) Dulwich Library Hall,
 Lordship Lane Estate, SE22
 4th Friday of the month
 7.30 - 8.30 pm

CONSORT

(1) Acorn Estate Tenants Hall,
 Queens Road, SE15
 Alternate Fridays
 7.00 - 8.00 pm
 (2) Pilgrims Way Junior School,
 Manor Grove, SE15
 Alternate Fridays
 8.00 - 9.00 pm

FRIARY

North Peckham Library Hall,
 Civic Centre, 600 Old Kent Rd.
 1st Thursday of the month
 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

THE LANE

(2) Thomas Caltun Upper School
 CANCELLED from 14th March
 after 11th April at
 Nunhead Residents' Association
 Evelina Road, SE15
 Alternate Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 pm
 and from 18th April at
 St James Catholic Church Hall,
 45 Elm Grove, SE15
 Alternate Fridays 7.00 - 8.30 pm

LYNDHURST

(1) Dog Kennel Hill Primary School
 Dog Kennel Hill, SE22
 1st Friday of the month
 7.00 - 8.30 pm
 (2) Blanchdown Community Centre
 Denmark Hill Estate, SE5
 Last Friday of month 7.00 - 8.30 pm
 (3) United Reform Church
 East Dulwich Grove, SE22
 2nd Friday of the month
 7.15 - 7.45 pm

ST GILES

Room 71, Town Hall,
 Peckham Road, SE5
 Alternate Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm

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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

ANOTHER LOSS

In January of this year the Executive Committee of the SCVS lost a valuable member when Ann Bartholomew left Southwark to go to work in Lewisham. Now we are to lose yet another member, this time Jim Radford, Director of the Blackfriars Settlement, who is moving on to become General Secretary of the Manchester Council of Social Service. Jim has been at Blackfriars for nearly three years and in that time a great many changes have been made, some no doubt due to him and others to the response which must arise from changing current needs. If it is to be effective, a Settlement, like all other organic bodies, needs to be flexible – at some times it must give a lead, at others must follow a trend – the one fatal thing is for it to become ossified in inherited attitudes. Nobody could accuse Blackfriars of having done so under Jim's leadership. While wishing him good luck and plenty of challenge in his new job, we would also like to extend a welcome to his successor, whoever he or she may be.

SCVS DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Would all member organisations and friends please be kind enough to let us have any corrections which may need to be made in the next edition of our Directory *as promptly as possible*. Work is now beginning on preparing the new edition and we should be most grateful if any existing errors could be pointed out to us, whether they relate to your own organisation or to some other entry where you may have spotted a mistake. The preparation of a detailed publication of this nature is a big undertaking for us with our skeleton staff and all help is most welcome.

LOCAL MATTERS

HANDICAPPED PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

You are reminded that there is still time for nominations to be put forward for the Handicapped Personality of the Year award for 1975. Nominations should reach The Worshipful the Mayor, London Borough of Southwark, Town Hall, Peckham, SE5 by Monday 7th April and should give the nominee's name, address (with telephone number if possible) and approximate age. It should also include some details of the disability, its severity and duration and how the candidate is able to manage at home, at work and in assisting others in any way. Candidates must be registrable as physically handicapped. The presentation of this year's award will take place on Tuesday, 6th May.

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CAN YOU SPEAK WITH YOUR HANDS?

Our attention was recently drawn to the difficulties which can occur when agencies are faced with dealing with the Deaf and Dumb. The Race Relations Department of the LCSS issued a list of Interpreters available to help with immigrants and foreigners but as far as we know there is no immediately available information about Deaf and Dumb interpreters. If anyone among our readers can put us in touch with people who would be willing to help in this kind of emergency we should be most grateful.

HOMELESS KIDS IN SOUTHWARK

The Group from the Southwark Forum for the Single Homeless which has been working in Newington in association with the CDP has produced an interesting interim report. The project was to undertake a small scale enquiry into homelessness and, perhaps from this localised information, draw some conclusions which might be applicable on a wider basis. Among comments made in the report are the following:-

'Most of the children were in the 15 - 17 years age range, although the youngest case reported was *only ten years old*. Two-thirds of them were girls. Just over a quarter of the cases came from families of West Indian origin. About two-thirds came from families with four or more children and nearly three-quarters were reported as having problems at school. There was a tendency for other brothers and sisters to follow the same kinds of patterns of behaviour.'

'It emerged that different agencies have different views about the seriousness of the problem. In contrast to (Social workers and Education Welfare Officers) ... the Juvenile Bureau and the Probation services did not feel that much of a problem existed as far as they were concerned. Such differential perceptions of a problem are interesting and need further investigation.'

'The number of cases reported of homelessness among black children is high, despite the relatively low proportion of black residents in Area 8 and there can be no doubt that, in the borough as a whole, homelessness among young black people ranks as a serious problem.'

'Youth and community workers testify both to the existence of children who regularly leave home and to the inadequacy of the existing statutory and voluntary response to their problems Workers also note the presence of many young people living at home for lack of any alternative. The importance of this latter group lies in the way in which problems of home, of school, of work and of delinquency etc. tend to feed on one another.'

'There is good evidence that children can be absent from home for long periods of time without coming to the attention of the authorities. They are therefore statistically invisible.'

'From the interviews and from discussions with a number of non-statutory London agencies offering help to kids who are homeless the following general comments seem worth making:

- 1 There is very little supervised accommodation for children under 18 who do not want or who do not fit in with local authority homes.

- 2 There is a weight of opinion in favour of places which children aren't sent to but which they go to for help of their own accord. This applies particularly to those who do not fit in at a local authority home.

- 3 In a substantial number of cases it can be said that the main problem is simply one of accommodation. When children in better off families might leave and go into digs or a flat some kids do not have that choice. There is a shortage of cheap lodgings/bedsits that might suit them in this area.'

Of the 27 cases reported to and followed up by the Group, 9 were boys and 18 girls. The ages of the children were: 10 - 1: 12 - 2: 13 - 1: 14 - 4: 15 - 3: 16 - 13: 17 - 3. Of these, 1 (girl aged 16) was classified as 'really homeless and rootless': 23 as 'periodically or regularly away from home' and 3 as 'at home due to lack of alternative'. The elements contributing to homelessness were broken down into - large family: broken home: pregnancy: legal involvement: immigrant: personality problems: school problems: parental problems: poor housing and all these were shown to be present in various combinations in the cases examined.

Preliminary Notice

SOUTHWARK PLAY CAMPAIGN

(Fair Play for Children)

OPEN MEETING

Havil Hall, Havil Street, Peckham, SE5

Monday, 12th May - 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Speaker to be announced

FILM: The Children's Festival

Election of the Committee for the coming year

Enquiries to Malcolm Rees, Secretary, Southwark Play Campaign, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5 (703 5025).



MARKED ABSENT FROM SCHOOL: PRESENT IN THE GROUP

In this year's annual report from the South London Family Service Unit there is an account of the work which they have been doing in the difficult field of truancy. The groupworker concerned, Marlene Blauer, writes:-

'During the past year, non-school attendance and other school related problems (delinquency, isolation, learning difficulties, school phobias etc) have formed an ever-increasing part of our work load.' 'Our school group had two goals: to bring to light the children's school (and home) problems and to see what could be done to help them enjoy school more. This group met during school hours in the school, which necessitated a close contact with parents, the school and the Divisional Education Welfare Office.'

... 'All this year's groups ... ended in July and we are now in the process of analysing data of the achievement of goals... We hope to circulate the results of our evaluations to all caseworkers involved, including those from local authority, and also the children's teachers, as we have come to realise the importance of closer contact between social workers and teachers as well as between teachers and parents.' 'Next year's groups will include two more school-related groups: a group of older, more long standing non-attenders and a group of mothers from an infant school who are interested in taking a more active role in their children's education.'

Success, in the social work field, is an impossible thing to measure but it will be interesting to see how this new aspect of the work of the FSU will develop.

ROOM FOR MORE INSIDE

The current (March) edition of 'Long Lane' draws attention to the fact that the Charterhouse Playgroup, which meets in Crosby Row, Long Lane, SE1 has room for more children of the age group 2½ - 5 years. Enquiries to Maureen Bowman, Charterhouse in Southwark.

From the Council Minutes

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

It was reported in our last Newsletter that a new post of Deputy Director had been created and it is interesting to see this spelt out in more detail in the Report of the Establishment Committee. The Assistant Directors will continue to have their existing areas of concern but the new Deputy will be expected to be able to take a comprehensive view of the whole department. To quote: 'The wide ranging responsibilities require a Deputy Director to share the overall picture and to be responsible for a number of specific activities.' Among the latter listed are Research, specialist advisers, the community services officer, training and the progressing of new policies and projects.

Another interesting appointment reported is that of a special officer to be responsible for Children at Risk from Non-Accidental Injury. According to the report there has been 'a considerable increase in this particular field of Child Care work' and it has therefore been decided to appoint a Principal Officer (Childrens Services) Grade PO1 to be responsible for this aspect of the work of the Department.

PERSONAL ALARMS FOR OLD PEOPLE

It has been agreed by the Social Services Committee to support two schemes for supply old people with personal alarms. A total of 200 elderly people are to be provided with personal alarms at an individual cost of £1.80. Half this cost will be borne by the borough, the rest by the two tenants' associations concerned - Magdalen and Tustin (in conjunction with Tustin Good Neighbours).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

The London Council of Social Service recently made a survey of local authority funding in the year 1974/75, looking into the sources of finance and proportions of the various elements in local authority spending. The paper is long and detailed but it may be of interest to quote the figures given for our own borough. These are as follows:-

	LBS	Place in ranking of all London Boroughs (excluding City of London and LB Merton)
Total Rate Support Grant and rate spending: £ per head	154.5	3
Needs element: £ per head	62.59	6
Total RSG: £ per head	73.02	7
RSG as % of total spending	47.2	7
Resources element per head of population		
Net rate per head	81.48	9
Average rate per domestic hereditament	78.83	28

The income derived from rates is usually considerably less than that from exchequer grants. In 1974/5 government grants made up 60.5% of local authority spending and in 1975/6 this will increase to 66%. Only two London boroughs have previously received grants on this scale. As a whole London receives a smaller proportion of its income from central government than authorities elsewhere and rate-rich boroughs such as Westminster, Camden and Hillingdon fund less than 30% of their expenditure from rate support grant.

SHORT COURSES AT MORLEY COLLEGE

Someone Like You Can Help - An introduction to voluntary work. Course of six sessions on Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm from 8th April.

TUTOR: Anne Bain of the Volunteers Advisory Service, London Council of Social Service.

An Approach to the Care of the Mentally Ill - (For relatives, voluntary workers and others). Course of six sessions on Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm from 23rd April.

TUTOR: Mrs Jean Reid, SRN, PSW

Study Group on One Parent Families - (Discussion forum for those personally concerned and others). Course of seven sessions on Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm from 10th April.

TUTOR: Hilary Robinson, Research Officer at the National Childrens' Bureau.

Growth Through Crisis - (For those whose work entails counselling others during crisis and for interested members of the public). Course of seven sessions Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm from 10th April.

TUTORS: John Barter, Martin Edis, Andrea Goldman and Kathy West, members of the MIND training and education department.

COST (for all courses) 75p plus 25p registration fee.

ENQUIRIES TO: The Tutor in Social and Community Studies or to the College Office (928 8501).

GENERAL MATTERS

ADULT LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Mr W A Devereux, Director of the Adult Literacy Resource Agency (which is now established at 33 Queen Anne Street, W1M 0BL Tel: 580 6862), has issued a useful skeleton guide to help organisations who may wish to make application to the agency for help with work which they are doing at present or are planning to do in the future. It sets out the types of applications which the agency can consider and gives indications of how to make them. The issuing of the new logo has been one of the first public activities of the Agency and we may expect to see it appearing in all kinds of places over the next few months. Further information about the use of the logo may be had from Miss Helen Katkov at the address quoted.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY ADDRESSES

The Chest and Heart Association has now published its 1975 Directory of Holiday addresses suitable for chest, heart and stroke patients. This is available for 50p from the Association at Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, WC1 9JE.

also
A booklet published by the Edinburgh Council of Social Service lists accommodation available for groups and individuals, giving details of cost, recreational facilities, the extent of care and supervision provided and whether the accommodation is suitable for the disabled, fit, young or old. It is now available price 12p including postage from the Edinburgh Council of Social Service, Ainslie House, 11 St Colme Street, Edinburgh EH3 6AG.

Holidays 1975 - Help Urgently Needed

The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children is once more appealing for help with its holiday schemes.

From Sunday 27th July to Sunday 10th August they need helpers at Great Stony School, Ongar, Essex for children in the age range 5 - 16. There is a varied programme of activities and volunteers are expected to participate in these as well as giving individual attention to a particular child. Transport costs from London to Ongar are paid and helpers get their keep plus £2 a week pocket money.

From Saturday 5th July to Saturday 12th July they need helpers for a holiday for mentally handicapped adults at the Methodist Youth Centre, Mundesley-on-Sea, Norfolk. Transport is organised from a central pick up point in London to the Youth Centre and helpers get their keep plus £2 a week pocket money.

Anyone interested in helping with either of these holiday schemes should telephone or write to Doreen Flint, Regional Officer, NSMHC, Coventry House, 5/6 Coventry Street, W1.

RADIO LONDON AND COMMUNITY WORK

A new appointment at Radio London is that of Sarah Lovegrove, who has been appointed to a post in Community Education and Broadcasting with the aim of developing the links between community education and broadcasting and improving contact with London's communities. She is anxious that fieldworkers should inform her of activities within their localities. The kind of situation she would wish to hear about is that of a community group going through a learning process which

could be shared, through radio, with others in similar situations. She can be reached either at Bethnal Green Adult Education Institute, 299 Bethnal Green Road, E2 (739 4901) or at BBC Radio London, Harewood House, Hanover Square, W1 (493 5401).

WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY WORK & LOCAL POWER STRUCTURES

The National Council of Social Service, through its Training & Development Department, is sponsoring a two day Workshop aimed at identifying ways in which decisions are made and implemented at the local level and how they can be influenced by community groups. The Workshop will be held in the Adams Rooms, 99 Great Russell Street, WC1 on the 19th & 20th May, 1975. The fee (which includes main meals) will be £12 but bursaries are available to staff of voluntary organisations on application. For further details and application forms (which must be returned by 9th May) apply to Head of Training & Development Department, National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

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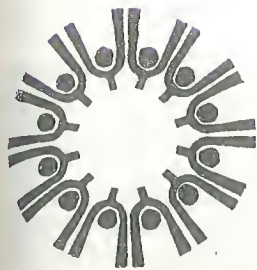
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NOTE TO VISITORS!

Owing to vandalism and thefts which have occurred it is now felt necessary to keep the outer door of 53 Chatham Street locked. It is sometimes difficult to make us hear if we are in the further office, so please bang hard! We hope it may be possible to have a bell fitted some time.

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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS



BBC Literacy Campaign

The BBC is now in the final stages of the preparations for its new series of literacy programmes which are to be launched in the autumn. The key to the effectiveness of the operation is likely to be the efficiency or otherwise of local referral systems. It is planned to make extensive

use of the logo produced by the Adult Literacy Resource Agency, mainly by the use of posters which feature this, together with national and local telephone numbers for enquirers.

Blanketing the whole country with such posters is obviously an enormous task and one which the BBC itself could not possibly finance. At the moment the plan is to provide local Education Authorities, Library Authorities and others with Master copies of the poster, to which local information can be added, and to rely on them to reproduce these by means of photolith and similar processes for widespread local distribution. In order to be fully effective it is essential that coverage should be really local and it is likely that all voluntary agencies will be asked to co-operate in placing such posters within their area of operation. The SCVS recently helped the Southwark Literacy Development Group to distribute nearly 2,000 copies of its Directory of 'Literacy Provision in Southwark' to those people who were most likely to be in contact with illiterates and we would estimate that, to be at all effective, at least three times as many posters would have to be distributed in the borough. We may, therefore, be looking for help from our members to do this in the future.

Hillcroft College Students

The SCVS was pleased to receive three students from Hillcroft College on a placement recently. The College runs courses for the CNA Certificate in Social Studies for students who are classified as 'mature'. The girls spent two weeks working on a project and produced an excellent report on their findings at the end of their stay with us.

FORWARD PLANNING GROUP FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The Group has continued its follow-up work on the provision of improved legal services for the people of the LB Southwark and has been investigating in more detail three areas of particular concern ie the possible provision and use of a community lawyer, the establishment of a Law Centre and the introduction of Duty Solicitor schemes. It remains deeply concerned about other areas of advice-giving to the public and will be considering its role and effectiveness in this connection in the future.

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AGE CONCERN, SOUTHWARK

From 6th May, 1975 Camberwell Old People's Welfare Association will fall in line with most of the other organisations which previously used similar titles and adopt the now nationally familiar name of 'Age Concern'. As this was a change which people would have to become used to, it was felt by the members that it should also be combined with the adoption of borough-wide terms of reference and the opportunity be taken to break out of the constrictions implied by the naming of one segment of the borough only. There will be no immediate possibilities of change because the financial climate has precluded that kind of expansion of staff and services that the management would like to see but as time goes by the whole of Southwark may eventually receive the same kind of services from Age Concern, Southwark as Camberwell has done in the past from COPWA.

GENERAL MATTERS

HELP FOR STRUGGLING GROUPS

We have been asked to publicise the existence of the Wakeham Trust. This exists to help small, struggling and imaginative groups involved in community action and is looking for applications from groups which are

small enough for a grant of between £10 and £150 to make a significant difference
imaginative enough to make a grant go a long way: they want to support schemes that are 'idea intensive' rather than 'money intensive'.
desperate enough: they want to support groups which cannot get help elsewhere.
adventurous enough: they would particularly like to support pioneering projects and those which seek new ways to make the most of human resources.
self-help groups, not professional agencies: rather than helping bureaucracies to expand, they want to encourage communities that help themselves.

Requests from larger organisations can be considered if their applications are for individual projects which comply with the other criteria.

The members of the Trust believe that new ideas and experiments often falter simply because the smallest sums of money cannot be raised to enable them to start or, if started, to survive. They have helped housing action groups, community councils, a battered wives shelter, a settlement's summer project, the making of toys for the mentally handicapped by fifth year school leavers, a community centre on a deprived housing estate and a tape recording groups which runs a hospital radio service. For further information write to *Mark Goyder, Publicity Officer, The Wakeham Trust, 42 Liberia Rd, London, N5.*

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

As part of its service to other voluntary bodies, the London Council of Social Service is attempting to help them share accommodation and premises. Organisations seeking premises, having accommodation to offer or wishing to be in touch with other charities to seek shared accommodation are asked to send brief details in writing to The Editor, LCSS Information Bulletin. Among those at present in need of space are: —

The CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS which needs about 2,000 sq ft at or before the end of 1975. (Enquiries to Miss M Neville, 41, Holland Park, W11 3RP - 727 3077) They are willing to share facilities/services.

J BELLERS PRICE (Workers' co-operative employing some disadvantaged workers, set up as part of Peter Bedford Project) needs about 500 sq ft, anywhere in London, to run press. (Enquiries to Doug Selway, 107, Highgate Road, NW5 1TR).

The BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF THE HARD OF HEARING needs accommodation for two members of staff (one part-time). (Enquiries to J T More, 126 Willowbrae Road, Edinburgh, EH8 7HW).

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION AND ADVICE STUDIES

The Polytechnic of North East London is starting a new course aimed at workers engaged in information and advice giving in local authorities and voluntary agencies. The course, which starts in September 1975, is part-time (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and lasts for one year. It will be held at the Polytechnic's West Ham precinct. Topics to be covered include Social Law and Administration, Sociology and the Theory and Practice of Interviewing. Potential Students are expected to have a degree or professional qualification but places may be available for mature applicants without such qualifications who have relevant experience. Further details and applications forms may be obtained from *Mrs H Smith, Faculty Registrar, Polytechnic of North East London, Livingstone House, Livingstone Road, E15 (Tel: 534 0417).*

VACATION VOLUNTARY WORK

The 1975 Voluntary Service Opportunities Register will be available from about 6th May. Anyone who would like a copy is asked to send a large (10" x 15") stamped (9½p) addressed envelope to Voluntary Services Opportunities Register, National Youth Bureau, 17/23 Albion St, Leicester LE1.

A second edition will be published in June and will be obtainable in the same manner. Organisations seeking voluntary help with summer project should send details as soon as possible to the compiler of the register, Mrs Marion Leigh, White Cottage, Rock Lane, Sutton Scarsdale, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

More about London

Two new publications from the London Council of Social Service are 'Family Groups', a Report by the LCSS Family Services Committee on work with disadvantaged parents and their children (price 60p), and 'The Inner City', a Preliminary investigation of the dynamics of current labour and housing markets with special reference to minority groups in inner London.

Family groups set out to attract and help people who are too isolated by their problems and lacking in self-confidence to join formal groups or classes. They use distinctive activity-centred methods to develop the talents and self-confidence of members. The report, based on a working party's analysis of the theory and current practice of the groups, examines their membership, aims, methods and leadership and makes recommendations for future development.

The study on the Inner City on which the report is based was directed by Dr Graham Lomas and examines what is happening in both housing and employment and explores the helpfulness of these trends to certain sections of the population. It also examines the steps taken by public authorities and individual firms both in response to these trends and sometimes to counteract them. (Price £2.20)

Prices include postage but please send cash with order to the London Council of Social Service, 68 Chalton St, NW1 1JR.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS

Last year the Home Secretary announced that he was planning to extend the use of community service orders (under the Criminal Justice Act 1972) to all areas of England and Wales. Even further areas (all outside London) have introduced CSO schemes during April. In greater London, the South-West London probation area is introducing its scheme on 1st June and the other areas covering outer London — North East London, South East London and Middlesex — are planning schemes which is hoped will begin later in the year.

Reports have been published by the Inner London Probation and After-Care Service which operated one of the six experimental schemes and by the Home Office Research Unit which has assessed 1 of the six schemes.

The research unit found that, typically, the making of a community service order followed its being recommended by a probation officer. This was especially true of Inner London. Rates of approvals of such recommendations varied between areas, but on average were probably not lower than rates for probation orders. Not all community service orders were made in cases where a custodial sentence would otherwise have been passed.

Most offenders doing community service were aged 17 to 24. On average they had records of three or four previous convictions and 38 to 50% had already experienced a custodial sentence.

The report concludes that the community scheme is viable: orders are being made and completed, sometimes evidently to the benefit of the offenders concerned. Nevertheless, the effect on the offenders as a whole needs further investigation.

The Inner London report includes an account of the types of projects offenders have been working on. The principal areas of work have included old people's homes, youth clubs, adventure playgrounds, hospitals, hostels of various types and centres for families visiting prisons. The work done varies from painting and decorating to supervision of children's activities. The report draws attention to the value of co-operation of voluntary agencies and says that in fact the response from such bodies has invariably been helpful.

LOCAL MATTERS

! SUPERVISORS NEEDED !

OUTSET urgently needs more Supervisors, willing to work on a Saturday or Sunday helping the young volunteers who are clearing gardens belonging to elderly and physically handicapped people in the borough. If you, or any member of your family or friends, can help, please contact Bridget Dickinson, Southwark Organiser of Outset, 53 Chatham Street, SE17 (Tel: 701 3816).

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Date for AGM — Wednesday, 17th September, 1975

DEPRESSIVES ANONYMOUS

In a number of parts of London Group meetings are being held, organised by depressives, with the object of helping other sufferers from this illness. In other areas Depressives Anonymous work consists more of the befriending of one depressive by another. Most of those who organise the meetings are not in a position to befriend many of those who approach them but can act as 'sign posts' and guide those who contact them to suitable sources of help. The address of the nearest known group to Southwark is Anne Gaines, 243 Dartmouth Road, Sydenham, SE26.

KING'S COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL: Wednesday Evening Advice Sessions

Members of the King's Community Health Council holding weekly advice sessions in an attempt to help members of the public who may have questions or complaints about the health services in the King's Health District. This includes central and southern Southwark (from Kennington Park to Dulwich). People are invited to call at or telephone the CHC office in St Giles' Hospital, St Giles' Road, Camberwell. (Tel: 703 9498): a member of the CHC will be present to give advice. It is hoped by this means not only to advise individuals but also to gain a broader understanding of the difficulties facing NHS users in the King's Health District. Members of the public are also welcome to attend meetings of the CHC which take place at 7 pm in the Recreational Hall, St Giles Hospital on the following dates: —

Thursday 15th May
Thursday 17th July
Thursday 18th September
Thursday 20th November

Leaflets giving information about the CHC are available on request and small posters giving details of the advice sessions may also be obtained from the Secretary.

ADVICE SESSIONS

Every Wednesday
6.30 - 8.30 pm
St Giles' Hospital
St Giles' Road
Camberwell

DEAF & DUMB INTERPRETERS

Since the paragraph relating to Deaf & Dumb Interpreters appeared in the last issue of this Newsletter, we have been informed that there is an interpreter available through the LBS Social Services Department. He is Mr J E Ingram, Social Worker to the Deaf, and he is attached to the Area 1 office (Tel: 703 5464 Exn 126). Mr Ingram is prepared to undertake any kind of interpreting job in this field. We would still like to know of any other people who may live or work in the borough who could be called upon to help in this way in cases of sudden emergency or difficulty.

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ASSOCIATIONS

Zenith House, 8/9 St Chad's Street,

WC1 (278 5763)

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Townsend House, 126 Queen's Gate,

Kensington, SW7 (589 9628)

LONDON ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

14/16 Verney Road, SE16

(732 8771)

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Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 7JG

(689 1116/7)

VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT GROUP

12 Grcystone Gardens, Kenton,

Harrow, Middlesex HA3 OEG

(907 1566)

COMPANIONSHIP AND HELP FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

'SELDAS' - the South East London Divorced and Separated Club offers companionship, understanding and help to divorced and separated people of all ages. Widows and widowers are also made welcome. The Club meets on Fridays between 8.00 pm and 11.00 pm at Warwick Hall, Kimpson Road, SE5. There are more than 150 members, who pay an annual subscription of 75p to belong. It is recommended that in the first instance a prospective member should go along and visit the club as a guest. Anyone wishing to do so is advised to contact *Mrs Hales*, 4 Cuddington, Heygate Estate, SE17.

ROCKINGHAM ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Housing Advice Surgery

In addition to the normal opening of the Community Centre from Monday to Friday between 10.00 am and noon, Mr Sherman, the Area Housing Manager, now holds a surgery on the first Tuesday of the month between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm when he deals with housing queries.

PENSIONERS' ACTION GROUP

A recently formed Pensioners' Action Group in the borough is the Walworth Action Group, which is trying to encourage pensioners to take an active interest in their own affairs. The Honorary Secretary is Mrs A Joyce and the address of the group is 23 Southampton Way, SE5.

PEER COUNSELLING

Anyone interested in peer counselling, which is described as 'a self-directed method of dealing with the emotional pressures to which people who are in the job of helping others are particularly prone', is invited to phone Don Clarke (701 0294) and go along to Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, on the 6th May at 10 am when an introductory session will be held.

From the Council Minutes

OVER 60's EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The fate of the Over 60's Employment Bureau after the shutting down of the Community Development Project has now been decided. It is to be 'retained by the Council in the Town Clerk's Department' and at some suitable, agreed date responsibility for the Bureau will be vested in the Deputy Town Clerk.

DIARY DATES CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

10th May Disablement Income
Group AGM

12th May SOUTHWARK PLAY
CAMPAIGN - Open
Meeting

LCSS Conference on
Housing Action Areas

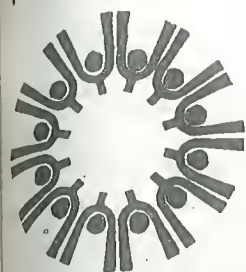
22nd May Camberwell Society
AGM 8 pm Vaughan Rm,
United Reform Church,
Love Walk, SE5

Howard League Lecture
The future of Open
Prisons: 7 pm, Nat
Institute for Social Work
Training

We are indebted to the London Council of Social Service for some of the material published in this Newsletter.

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Standing Committee for the Under Fives

It is with regret that we announce the 'standing down' of the Standing Committee for the Under Fives. This Committee was one of the pioneering bodies of the Council of Social Service during its first years of operation and did stalwart work in bringing together those of different disciplines who had a common interest in the welfare of the very young before the establishment of the unified Social Services Departments. The Report which it produced and the meetings which it organised at various times were all valuable but those who were involved with it in the past appear to agree that, from the point of view of those most directly involved, one of its most beneficial by-products was the opportunity which it afforded for meeting together and discussing areas of shared concern. The SCVS has serviced the Committee throughout its life and would, at any time, be willing to re-convene it in the face of some future need but in the meantime we accept the decision of the Committee to discontinue its meetings for the present and thank all those who have given so much time and effort to it in the past.

LOCAL MATTERS

Welcome to Southwark

Recently we said Goodbye to Jim Radford - today we welcome the news that his successor is to take over at the Blackfriars Settlement on 4th August. Peter Hudson comes to Blackfriars from Stoke on Trent, where he has spent the past six years doing community work with the Young Volunteer Force.

Book-keeping for Treasurers of voluntary groups

Recently, Bede House Association, in co-operation with the Frobisher Adult Education Institute, ran an informal course in basic book-keeping for treasurers and other members of local community groups. The course lasted for four sessions and covered the responsibilities of a treasurer, cash analysis and petty cash books, bank accounts and bank reconciliation statements, income and expenditure accounts, the balance sheet and the purpose of an audit. An average of 6 people attended the course and seemed to find it enjoyable and valuable. The tutor was supplied by the London Council of Social Service and course notes which he wrote up are to be published by the LCSS for wider distribution later. Anyone who is interested in setting up a similar course should get in touch with either Jim Smith (the Course tutor) at the LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 (388 0241) or Charles Woodd, Bede House, 351 Southwark Park Road, SE16 (237 3881).

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The SCVS will be running a stall at Peckham Rye on Saturday, 7th June and at Belair on Saturday, 21st June. Both contributions towards prizes and helpers are wanted, so if you can assist in either way, please let us know.

Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children

Monthly Lunch Groups

The Care Sub-Committee has recently introduced a series of monthly Lunch Groups where mothers of handicapped children can meet together and chat. The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Conference Room of the Area 6 Social Services Offices, 47 East Dulwich Road. Sandwiches and coffee are provided.

Mental Handicap Week - 22nd/28th June, 1975

It is hoped that invited members of the Social Services will visit the meeting of the Lunch Group on 4th June as part of the Society's response to Mental Handicap Week.

HANDICAPPED PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

This year's award of Southwark's Handicapped Personality of the year went to a married couple, Mr & Mrs William Dixon, both of whom are spastics. William Dixon is a stores clerk at Rampart Engineering and Chairman of the Camberwell Disabled People's Club in his spare time and his wife, Christine, is on the committee of the South London Spastics Group. The runner-up for the award was Miss Eva Colleen, who, in spite of having contracted polio as a baby, does a part-time job, looks after her home and makes all of her own clothes. All those nominated for the award were this year presented with a gift voucher for £2 by the Mayor, Mrs Gina Farrow.

Headmaster for new Special School

Joseph Fisher, formerly Director of the Chesterton Educational Guidance Centre at Battersea, is to be the head of the new Beormund special school for 20 boys at Long Lane, Bermondsey. There will be 50 boys and girls on the school roll, with ages ranging from 5 to 16. The teaching areas are planned around a central hall and include facilities for home economics, craft work, art, needlework and typing. The school will serve pupils from Southwark and North Lambeth but children in the hostel will come from all parts of inner London. Mr Fisher believes in establishing good liaison with parents and hopes to foster their close involvement with regular visits to the classroom and hostel.

ILEA Report on Truancy

A report recently prepared by Dr Eric Briault points out that truancy in secondary schools has increased by about four percent over the past four years. The results of a survey carried out on a day in May 1974 showed that 10 secondary schools in Southwark had an attendance of less than 80 per cent; a further ten schools had attendances of between 80 and 90 per cent. ILEA's schools sub-committee is recommending schools to take a tougher line with truants and regular non-attenders. Between September last year and February this year 262 children appeared in juvenile courts for non-attendance at school and of these 102 were put under supervision orders.

SOCIAL WORKERS' LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting of the Social Workers' Lunch Club will be at 12.30 pm on 24th June in the Canteen, Cambridge House and Talbot, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5.

The speaker will be John Franklin, Community Relations Officer. Coffee and biscuits provided 10p for members; 15p for visitors. Bring your own lunch.

SOUTHWARK MUSIC - 10th Anniversary

Founded on 8th February by Dennis Coleman and 20 singers, the Southwark Singers has progressed and expanded so that it now comprises a total of 95 people, made up of the 60 voices of the Southwark Singers and the Southwark Concert Orchestra of 35 musicians. Over the years the Singers and the Orchestra have taken part in approximately 1,000 performances in seven different countries, and have broadcast from BBC 1, Radio 2, BBC Radio London, Dutch, Belgian and Danish Radio and Belgian TV. The policy of the Singers and the Orchestra is to present three or four major performances of well known and new works within the borough of Southwark each year, to sing and play in any church of any denomination anywhere, to take the music of Southwark to other parts of the country and overseas and to present all types of music in the best possible way and to the highest possible standard. In January 1972 Southwark Music took charge of the music at St Paul's Church, Deptford, where a small chamber choir performs every Sunday morning and as needed. In September 1973 the Southwark Senior Chorus was formed for singers over 65; this group has its own programme of events. In June 1973 a group of brass players was formed which specialises in providing fanfares for ceremonial events.

During this 10th Anniversary year Southwark Music will be hosts to the Frauenchor of Bodingen, Germany from May 30th to June 2nd and the full Choir and Orchestra will give five performances in two days in Notre Dame, Paris. In August they will visit Gistel, Wenduine, Bruges and Blankenberg in Belgium.

GENERAL MATTERS

Adult Literacy

The Adult Literacy Resource Agency Training Kit will be available in June. It aims at assisting the trainer to help tutors to a degree of skill and confidence which will enable them to teach their students without falling into the more obvious errors. The Kit comprises 6 lesson packs together with follow-up activity sheets and includes a cassette of tape illustrating the social and personal difficulties of some potential students and particular reading difficulties. Five copies of the Kit will be sent free of charge to all local authorities and voluntary schemes known to the Agency. A voluntary organisation which does not receive a copy in the first distribution should write to the Agency for it. The Agency is issuing a bi-monthly News Sheet and would like to receive information from bodies working in this field. They are anxious that all those concerned should receive the News Sheet and invite people to apply for inclusion in their mailing list.

THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Our sister body in Lewisham — Voluntary Action Lewisham — is undertaking a review of the role and activities of voluntary organisations in the borough. The secretary, Clive Jordan, was released from his normal work for a month to do basic research for the project and a preliminary report drawn up by him will be discussed by voluntary organisations during the summer months and an attempt made to agree priorities.

A re-examination of the role of voluntary organisations is being conducted nationally by the Wolfenden Committee. VAL hopes to promote a similar process of re-examination among the organisations themselves.

The London Borough of Lewisham is producing its own corporate plan which will have enormous implications for voluntary organisations both in its influence directly on their activities and also because of its challenge to established decision making procedures within local government. The council is publishing its own 'position statements' based on criteria which voluntary organisations may wish to challenge.

In addition there is a joint working party of ten councillors and ten representatives elected by all the voluntary organisations in Lewisham to review relations between voluntary organisations and the borough. In September, when the working party will have been in operation for one year, the voluntary organisation representatives will report back to those who elected them, and VAL hopes that the results of its own project will be available at the same time.

PROTECTING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILD

The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has been investigating the possibility of making arrangements for the management of funds on behalf of mentally handicapped children. The many difficulties which this could involve now appear to have been overcome and it is now possible for Trusts on an individual basis to be created. No call will be made on NSMHC funds, as the Trusts will be self-funding and although charges of the kind normally associated with such funds will be levied these will be less than those usually made. An initial payment of £5 will be made to set up a Trust. No further payment need be made until the services are required. In most cases this would be on the demise of the parent, when a minimum of £1,000 would be required. The proportion of the costs involved would outweigh the benefit to the individual if a lesser sum was accepted. It will be necessary for the mentally handicapped person to be registered in the Trusteeship Scheme. *For full details send a stamped addressed foolscap envelope (10" x 7") to The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Pembridge Hall, 17 Pembridge Square, W2 4EP.*

SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN HELP

Work is to begin shortly on a new version of the LCSS's booklet 'Someone Like You Can Help: opportunities for voluntary social service in London'. For this purpose information about the London organisations' need for voluntary help is being up-dated. The LCSS would be glad to hear from any London organisation seeking volunteers especially those employing voluntary help in new and imaginative ways.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM

A committee has been formed to advise on services relating to alcoholism and, where appropriate, to promote their development. It will work for an experimental period of three years.

The chairman of the Advisory Committee on Alcoholism is Professor Neil Kessel of the University of Manchester.

It is expected that the committee will appoint a sub-group to play an active part in the planning and development of services for homeless alcoholics.

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

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| June 7th | Day Conference 'Cut-backs in expenditure on Housing'. Organised by Shelter.
Friends House, Euston Road, NW1.
Fee: 50p
Enquiries to Michael Ward, Shelter, 86, Strand, WC2R 0EQ. |
| June 11th | The Fawcett Society AGM
6.30 pm at 27 Wilfred Street, SW1.
Speaker: Marjorie Proops |
| June 10th | Day Conference Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children 'An exercise in Co-operation'.
Speakers: Alf Morris, Dame Eileen Younghusband, Prof Eric Stroud etc.
Fee: £3.50, including refreshments.
National Childrens' Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, Islington, EC1V 7QE. Enquiries to Senior Officer, VCHC at the same address. |
| June 12th | Mental Health Film Forum for all interested in the use of mental health films in educational programmes.
Britannic House, Moorgate, EC3.
Fee: £2
Enquiries to Alison Wertheimer, MHFC, 22 Harley Street, W1N 2ED. |
| June 24th | Southwark Social Workers' Lunch Club
12.30 pm Cambridge House |

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THE COMMUNITY LAND BILL — ITS EFFECT ON CHARITIES

The Government's Land Proposals pose a serious threat to charities and seem to be a reversal of a generally accepted principle.

For well over a century, Parliament, recognising that charities are acting for the public benefit, have relieved them of direct taxation on their capital and income, and in consequence charities are exempt from paying income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax and recently, capital transfer tax. Furthermore, the Finance Act, 1974, which provided for the special treatment of development gains from land, did not place any liabilities on charities for this purpose.

Briefly, the intention of the Community Land Bill is to impose on local authorities a duty to acquire, at current use value, nearly all land needed for development — both public and private — and either develop and manage it themselves or to dispose of the land at full market value (ie including development value) for development by others. As a transitional arrangement there will be a Development Land Tax; first at the rate of 80% and later at 100% on the difference between the proceeds from a sale of land and its current use value.

Many charities own land and buildings either for the purpose of their functions or to produce as much income as possible. If the Bill is passed in its present form it would have the effect of preventing charities from selling obsolete or other properties with little or no Current Use Value in a manner which would enable them to finance replacement by more suitable premises or to develop their own services to the community in accordance with present day requirements.

For example:—

- 1 A charity, providing homes for children, sold 50 acres of development land in 1965 for just under £¼ million. This land formed part of a farm adjoining one of the childrens' homes and was no longer required for training boys in farming. The proceeds enabled the charity to set up a special school for educationally sub-normal children, 12 children's homes and hostels, purpose-built accommodation for unsupported mothers and their children and a family centre. This would not have been possible if the 50 acres of farm land had been sold at its agricultural use value, as it would have to be under the new proposals. Even under the transitional arrangements a sale of the land for its market value would result in the difference between that value and the agricultural use value being taxed initially at 80%.
- 2 A charity recently sold a piece of garden land, surplus to the requirements of its adjoining old people's home, for the market value of £7900. This sum enabled the home to be substantially modernised which would not have been possible if the plot had been sold for its market value as a garden.
- 3 A charity owning a large house on the Isle of Wight, able to accommodate parties of up to 150 at a time, provides cheap holidays for school parties and other needy groups. Because of lack of funds the building was in an advanced state of dilapidation, but, by selling off part of the adjoining land for

which planning permission had been given, the charity obtained £36,000 which was used for the renovation of the home.

The NCSS does not wish to challenge the Government's land proposals which seek to ensure that any development value is used for the benefit of the community as a whole, but it would not seem out of line with the overall philosophy of their proposals for charities to retain for their own purposes any development value attaching to their own land. If this is not permitted it can categorically be stated that the services offered by many charities will suffer, leaving more to be done by the State. The NCSS therefore proposes that, if the work of charities is not to be seriously handicapped:

- a they must, subject to planning approval, be free to develop their own land for their own purposes, without a charge being levied on them. This principle appears to have been accepted for the transitional period, as shown in the Inland Revenue statement on Development Land Tax which says that "a charity will not be liable to DLT on developing land for its own use". But there appears to be no protection in the Bill when the transitional period is over.
- b they must be allowed to realise the development value of their property, so that they can continue to finance their charitable aims.

NB Whilst the above requirements are crucial if charities are not to have their land assets eroded, they clearly present difficulties from the local authorities' point of view, unless the latter are to receive compensation from the Exchequer.

- c local authorities should be empowered to dispose of development land at less than market value to charities who intend to use it for the furtherance of their aims. This is in some cases an improvement on the present position and consequently is not so crucial as the other requirements. Nevertheless, it would be regrettable if a local authority who wished to help local voluntary effort in this way did not have the necessary powers.

Organisations which are in membership with the National Council of Social Service are asked to approach MPs known to them and to tell them of their concern which the NCSS has about the potential effect of the Community Land Bill on Charities. The Standing Committee considering this Bill began its work on 8th May.

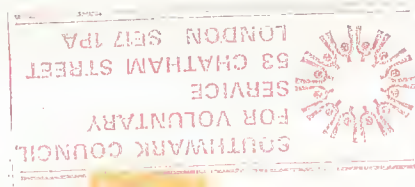
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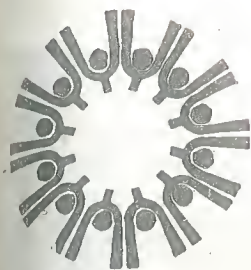
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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

URBAN AID PROGRAMME CIRCULAR NO 14: Capital and Non-Capital Projects starting in 1976/77 (England)

The new Home Office Circular on Urban Aid has now been issued. It invites applications for capital and non-capital projects in areas of 'special social need' to be started in the financial year 1976/77. 'Areas of special social need' means areas within towns and cities containing those who are relatively deprived by national standards and where pressure on social services is severe.

Evidence of social need (or urban deprivation) may take many forms — poverty; high levels of unemployment; overcrowding; lack of basic household amenities; old and dilapidated housing; educational disadvantage; inadequate community services; a poor quality of environment. Many such areas have substantial ethnic minorities.

The Urban programme is intended to complement the main departmental programmes by providing in the most deprived areas facilities which could not otherwise be made available from local resources. The total expenditure on new projects which can be approved for England under this Circular is about £3½/£4. Grant on approved projects will be paid at the rate of 75% approved local authority expenditure. The amount which it will be possible to approve for any one locality is limited. In general, only small scale schemes can be considered and capital projects with building costs exceeding £100,000 will not normally be approved. Projects already started or to which authorities are already committed cannot be considered.

Scope of the Urban Programme

1 Grant-aid under the Urban Programme has been approved in the past for a very wide variety of schemes. It is more important that a project should be suited to an area of special social need than that it should either fall into a preconceived category or strive for originality for its own sake. The list which follows gives a wide range of suggestions for consideration but it is by no means exclusive.

2(a) Projects serving families and young children:—

Family day centres, boarding out and day fostering schemes, mothers and toddlers groups, playgroups including provision for handicapped children, child minding projects and other projects providing day care facilities.

(b) Projects serving children of school age:—

Appointment of such staff as home-school liaison teachers, teacher-social workers, educational welfare officers, provision for educational visits, equipment and materials, extra-curricular activities, provision in schools for the needs of slow learners, provision in school for children with behavioural difficulties, adventure playgrounds and other play areas, play

leadership projects, intermediate treatment projects for children under supervision (under Section 12 (2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969). Particular consideration will be given to projects providing alternatives to residential treatment for young offenders.

(c) Projects serving adolescents:—

Intermediate treatment projects, short-stay hostels or day centres, youth service projects.

(d) Projects serving ethnic minorities:—

Schemes to meet the special needs of ethnic minorities whether adults or children eg the development and staffing of language centres, voluntary teaching schemes.

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(e) Projects serving the Community:—

Recreation projects, community centres, provision for general social and community work, community workers and social workers involved with meeting identified special needs of particular groups, projects mobilising community and voluntary effort, projects developing collaboration between voluntary and statutory social services, community and adult education projects, adult illiteracy projects, school-based community work projects, Planning Advice Centres, Family and Neighbourhood Advice Centres, Volunteer Bureaux.

Support for initiatives in the provision of legal services. Projects may take the form of salaried law centres or the provision of lawyers to work with existing advice centres or community projects. They may also take the form of legal assistance in the context of groups of existing projects. It is considered appropriate that legal schemes should be managed by voluntary agencies and the number of lawyers employed should not normally be less than two.

(f) Projects serving particular disadvantaged groups:—

i) The Homeless: projects for temporary accommodation for homeless families or single people may be submitted by social service or housing authorities. The needs of homeless single people offer scope for different ways of helping them. Other possibilities include "shop-front" counselling or other support services and day centres particularly for those who cannot use their lodgings during the day or need help if they are to become capable of employment. Short term residential units may be considered for families with multiple problems, single parent families at times of crisis or for wives leaving home under marital stress.

ii) Alcoholics: "shop-front" facilities, day centres, local authority hostels. (Central funding for hostels is available under the scheme introduced in DHSS Circular 21/1973).

iii) The mentally ill: lodging schemes, group homes, long-stay staffed homes, office/counselling accommodation.

iv) The mentally handicapped: special care schemes for adults particularly those linked with adult training centres.

v) The elderly or physically handicapped: day and domiciliary support services, expansion of meals services, provision of transport.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects are those which include the cost of a site (if necessary), building (construction, modification or acquisition), equipment (heating and lighting equipment, plant and machinery, including vehicles) and furniture (tables, chairs, office furniture etc.).

NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Non-capital projects are those for which expenditure will be incurred on eg salaries, rents, heating, lighting and certain equipment and materials.

DURATION OF GRANT

Grant on appropriate running costs of approved capital projects will normally be paid for a period of up to five years and may continue for a further five years.

Application may be made for grant on a non-capital project to be continued for up to five years in the first instance. Thereafter the grant may be continued for a further five years.

Applications for continuation of grant beyond five years are not required in response to Circular No 14.

GRANTS FOR PROJECTS TO BE RUN BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

It is a condition of approval for any project that the local authority bears 25% of the expenditure proposed for grant-aid. If a voluntary body wants to contribute to the cost of the project with which it is concerned this contribution must be excluded from the expenditure proposed for grant-aid.

In the case of local authority expenditure incurred on capital projects involving a voluntary organisation, it is a condition of grant that title to the property/land/building concerned should where possible be vested in the local authority. This is to ensure that the benefit of the capital expenditure is not lost to the public service should the property/land/building cease to be used for approved Urban Programme purposes. Grant is also conditional on the property/land/building being made available to the voluntary organisation for a nominal rent or rent free.

Copies of the Circular may be obtained from Mrs J Knowles (tel 211 5400). Enquiries about the Circular should be addressed to Mrs L Rosser (tel 211 5401) or Mr J McBride (tel 211 7178), The Home Office, Horseferry House, Dean Ryle Street, SW1.

The SCVS is more than willing to give any help they can to those who have perhaps not made an application for Urban Aid before.

BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

As usual, there will be no Newsletter for August, owing to holidays and other complications. Will anyone who wishes us to publicise events, meetings or other matters please try to remember to let us have this information not later than the second week in August in order that it may be included in the September issue.

The General Secretary will be away from 21st July to 1st August inclusive.

Annual Reports Received

Blackfriars Settlement

Camberwell & District Welfare

Bermondsey Medical Mission

LOCAL MATTERS

UNIONISATION OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY WORKERS

After holding a number of exploratory meetings with representatives from different unions, the staff of the Blackfriars Settlement, together with people from other local agencies, decided that the most appropriate Union for people like themselves was the Association of Clerical, Technical & Supervisory Staff, which is a part of the Transport and General Workers Union. They invite other interested persons to get in touch with Blackfriars if they wish to join. It is their hope that eventually there may be sufficient members for a local branch to be formed.

READING AND WRITING - SUMMER 1975

Starting from Monday, 30th June, there will be a summer session on reading and writing at the Nunhead Annex of the Dulwich Adult Education Institute, Whorlton Road, SE15. [Tel 639 4557] The session will run throughout July and August and the first week in September. The tutor is Judy Woodman and the cost 60p. The times are as follows:-

Monday	6.30 - 7.30 pm
	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Thursday	6.30 - 7.30 pm
	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Friday	9.30 - 11.30 am

The Institute is particularly anxious to find out what kind of response there will be to those classes scheduled for the morning.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE

The Staff Tutor at Morley College is hoping that it will be possible to run a class for physically disabled people at the College next autumn. Miss Joan Wilder, who runs a successful exercise class for retired people, is keen to extend her work and offer something similar to people who are disabled. The emphasis will be on enjoyment rather than any particular remedial purpose. The hope is that the class would be of particular benefit to physically disabled people who are housebound - and where this is the case the question of transport to and from the College will obviously be crucial.

The part of the College where the class would be held is accessible to disabled people and there is a specially designed toilet on the second floor, which can be reached by a lift.

It will only be possible for this class to be run if those who wish to join it can actually get to the College so the transport situation needs to be looked at carefully. The actual parking space at Morley College is limited but there are parking meters in the surrounding streets. If anyone is interested in attending the class, the Staff Tutor would like to know and would also like to have information as to whether the prospective member of the class (a) has no transport and would be unable to attend unaided: (b) could attend by means of public transport: (c) could attend by means of own transport: (d) has a friend or relative who could provide regular transport and (e) could offer transport to another disabled class member living close by.

Enquiries and information to: The Staff Tutor, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

NEW HEAD FOR CAMBRIDGE HOUSE & TALBOT

Tim Cook, who has been appointed Head of Cambridge House & Talbot in succession to the Rev Paul Bibby, is no stranger to Southwark. For the past few years he has been Director of the Alcoholics Recovery Project and a member of Consortium (which is based at Cambridge House). Recently he published an account of his work with the Alcoholics Recovery Project which was very well received.†

Tim Cook is quoted as saying that "My own work to date has been mainly with alcoholics and ex-offenders. Cambridge house would offer me personally a chance to broaden my experience and knowledge of other community problems. I am excited by the range of the Settlement's work and interests and the chance to try and make a total sense out of all the work in a way that can be felt by all to be relevant to the community in which the Settlement is situated and of which it forms a part."

† *Vagrant Alcoholics pub. Routledge & Kegan Paul*

TWO NEW WORKERS AT THE WALWORTH BROOK ADVISORY CENTRE

Two recent appointments to the Walworth Brook Advisory are Jane Barker, the new Clinic Secretary and Helen Dobson, counsellor and social worker.

Jane Barker has lived six years in Brixton, where she was involved in setting up the Brixton Women's Aid Centre. She is an active supporter of the South London National Abortion Campaign, the Woman's Right to Choose Campaign and previously worked for the Kings Health District CHC. Helen Dobson previously worked in Southwark as a Mental Health Social Worker, has worked in Lambeth as a Social Worker and is involved in community relations and the National Childbirth Trust.

REFERENCE POINT FOR ADULT LITERACY

All local education authorities have been asked to designate an officer to be responsible for adult literacy programmes in their areas. For the Inner London Education Authority the officers concerned are:-

*Peter Lincoln
The County Hall, SE1 7PB [633 6488]*

*Miss Cathy Moorhouse
26 West London Studios, Fulham Road, SW6 [603 0466]*

GENERAL MATTERS

RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

The Association of London Borough Housing Officers and the Association of Directors of Social Services have together drawn up a formula designed to make clear, in the case of disputes, which borough has responsibility for the housing of homeless families.

Under this formula the borough responsible for long-term rehousing of the homeless family would be

the borough where the family was on the live waiting-list for housing or was residentially qualified to be considered for housing (using the LBA qualification of five years in London, the last year being spent in the borough in question).

if the above did not apply, then the borough in whose area the family had spent the greatest part of the preceding year

if neither of the above applied, then the borough which provided reception accommodation.

The borough in whose area the applicants were in residence the preceding night would be primarily responsible for *reception*. Where practicable, however, temporary accommodation should be arranged by the borough responsible for long-term rehousing.

The report by the two associations says that the assessment carried out by the receiving authority of whether or not a family is actually homeless must be accepted. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, an applicant's word must be accepted at the early stage.

The LBA has recommended its members to operate the formula. Boroughs who have agreed to this include: Haringey, Havering, Kensington and Chelsea, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames, and Sutton. LBs Barnet, Ealing, Hackney and Merton have agreed on condition that all other boroughs do so; Bromley and Hounslow have stressed the need to give the formula a trial period.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

In accordance with its policy of trying to help charitable bodies share accommodation where this will be beneficial, the London Council of Social Service draws attention to the needs of two bodies. These are:—

The INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR EPILEPSY which is looking for 2 or 3 average sized rooms. The office must be reasonably accessible for overseas visitors and available for use in evenings and weekends if need arises. Enquiries to George Burden, International Bureau for Epilepsy, 37 Store Street, WC1 7BS.

The BRITISH RHEUMATISM & ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION needs office accommodation for a staff of approximately 18, also store room for aids. Central London, south or north near underground or BR station, easy access to central London. Enquiries to A M Davey, BRA, 1 Devonshire Place, W1N 2B [935 9905]

CHANGE OF OFFICER, NAME or ADDRESS

Cambridge House & Talbot
HEAD

Tim Cook

Centrepont
CO-ORDINATOR

Richie McMullen

National Council for the Single Woman & Her Dependants
JOINT DIRECTORS
Heather McKenzie
Margaret Lofthouse

National Elfrida Rathbone Society
GENERAL SECRETARY

Jan Cosgrove

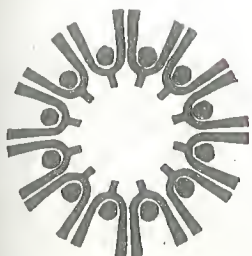
National Elfrida Rathbone Society
now at Gaddum Centre, 274 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4HF

SOCIETY OF VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATES

A new association has been formed to bring together volunteers working with offenders, ex-offenders and their families. The Chairman and founder of the Society of Voluntary Associates is Ray Parker. The society is registered as a charity and has temporary premises at 107 Walton Street, SW3 2HP [581 2859]

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Results of the Elections at the Annual General Meeting

Owing to the resignation as Chairman of the Provost of Southwark, The Very Reverend Harold E Frankham, from the Chairmanship of the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service, it was necessary for the Council to elect a new Chairman. The Provost has served as Chairman for the past four years and it was with regret that members accepted his resignation but they were pleased to welcome in his place Mr Raymond Clarke, Secretary to the Personal Social Services Council. Mr Clarke has had a long connection with the borough of Southwark, having started his life in social work here when he lived in Bermondsey. He was educated at the Royal College of Music and the University of Nottingham, where he obtained a Research Degree in Social Science. Afterwards he worked for the Kent Education Committee doing Youth and Community work, was Warden of the University Settlement, Liverpool, Secretary of the Yorkshire Council of Social Service, Head of the National Organisations Division, National Council of Social Service. He has served as Chairman of the Social Responsibility Department of the British Council of Churches. Mr Clarke now lives in Southwark, where his children go to school and his wife does her shopping.

There were six vacancies to be filled on the Executive Committee and those elected are as follows:-

TIM COOK, Head of Cambridge House & Talbot since August 1975. Mr Cook has worked in South London since 1966, mainly as Director of the Alcoholics Recovery Project (1969/74)

ANDREW GRANT, Vicar of St Anthony's Church, Nunhead. Chairman of the Nunhead Residents' Association.

DAVID MAIN, Co-Ordinator of St Giles' Centre, Camberwell.

PETER HUDSON, Director, Blackfriars Settlement since August 1975. Previously Community Worker with the Young Volunteers Field Force in Cardiff and in Stoke-on-Trent.

NORRIS RICHARDS, Detached Youth Worker for 3½ years, based at the Peckham Settlement and specialising in work with the West Indian community.

CHARLES WOODD, Director, Bede House Association since September, 1972. Concerned with the Advice

Centre in the Blue and the Welfare Rights Stall. Member of the Forward Planning Group for Advice and Information in the London Borough of Southwark.

We welcome all these new members of the Executive Committee and look forward to a fruitful and vigorous year of work with their help and support.

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PLEASE! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!!

It was not possible to draw the Raffle on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting because some people had not returned their tickets/money and it would not have been fair to those who had bought tickets. The Draw will now take place at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on 8th October, so will those still holding tickets and/or money please LET US HAVE THEM BY THAT DATE.

The names and addresses of the winners will be published in the November issue of the Newsletter.

LOCAL MATTERS

The Future of Blackfriars Settlement

The age and state of repair of the Settlement buildings at Nelson Square have been causing the Blackfriars people some concern for quite a time. A recent survey showed that the cost of a thorough renovation of the building, increasing its life by fifty years would cost something approaching £200,000. Half that amount would be sufficient to give the place a face-lift and prevent further deterioration without lengthening the building's life.

At a recent meeting of the Blackfriars Council it was unanimously agreed that:-

- (i) there is important work for Blackfriars Settlement in the area for many years to come

and

- (ii) the Settlement should seek alternative accommodation.

The Settlement will only sell their present premises if and when they are assured that an adequate alternative which is within their means is available.

At present a small working group is looking into all aspects of the proposed move. The problems that face them are whether to build new premises or purchase older ones; an examination of the possibility of sharing accommodation; how to dispose of the Nelson Square buildings in a way which is beneficial to the community; how to prevent undue disruption of the present work — and many other matters.

The Settlement Director feels that they are going to need all the help they can get if they are to continue and develop the contribution which they believe they make to social and community work in North Southwark and North Lambeth and would be grateful to hear from anyone who feels able to offer advice and suggestions which might be helpful.

THE LEISURE CENTRE, 225 Walworth Road, SE17.
Every Thursday 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Puppet Workshop: Children over 8 and Adults
Every Wednesday from 22nd October 1.30-3.30 pm &
7.00-9.00 pm

Crafts Workshop, Toymaking, Christmas
Decorations: Adults and children
at Southwark Theatre Arts Factory Ltd.,
51 Camberwell Road, SE5

CREATIVE PLAY: A Workshop Weekend
14th — 16th November

For all adults concerned with play schemes, junior clubs, adventure playgrounds, uniformed organisations and as parents (older children also welcome) Programme includes Exhibition, Slide show, Musical experiments, Games to play and make, modelling, carving, paper and imagination etc. etc.

Fee: Friday 50p: Saturday £1: Sunday 50p.
at Southwark Theatre Arts Factory

Enquiries and applications to Janet Dalglish at the Leisure Centre

COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

The London Council of Social Service has published a further list of Interpreters and Social workers with special knowledge of overseas groups. Listed as interpreters in Southwark are the following:-

Swahili	A Malik LBs Borough Engineer's Department Municipal Offices 151 Walworth Road SE17 703 5464
Malay	L Alexander LBS Borough Engineer's Department 151 Walworth Road SE17 703 5464
Mandarin/Khey	C M Wong LBS Borough Development Department 30/32 Peckham Road SE5 703 6311
Greek	N Wassenhoven LBS Borough Development Department 30/32 Peckham Road SE5 703 6311
French	Dolphi Burkens LBS Social Services Department Area 3, Lady Gomm House, 58 Hawkestone Road SE16 237 2872
Dutch	Dolphi Burkens (as above) J Konynenburg LBS Borough Development Department 30/32 Peckham Road, SE5 703 6311
Burmese	C Lazaro LBS Borough Development Department 30/32 Peckham Road SE5 703 6311
Urdu/Punjabi	A Malik (as above)
Hindi	C Lazaro (as above)
Hindustani/Bengali	N Roy LBS Social Services Department Area 7 Office, 29 Peckham Road SE5 701 4281
Singhalese	G Selvarajah LBS Social Service Department Castle House, 2 Walworth Road SE1 703 6363
Arabic/Assyrian	A Mama LBS Borough Development Department 30/32 Peckham Road SE5 703 6311
Polish	Tadeusz Heyda LBS Social Services Department Area 3, Lady Gomm House 58 Hawkestone Road SE16 237 2872 Maria Byra (able to travel only short distances) 11 Love Walk SE5 703 8018
Russian	Andrew Behr LBS Social Services Department Guy's Hospital Team, St Thomas' Street SE1 407 7600 x 329
Spanish	Dolphi Burkens (as above)

LITERACY PROVISION

The Southwark Literacy Development Group has now issued a Supplement to the Guide to Literacy Provision in the London Borough of Southwark which it distributed earlier. The Supplement is being distributed to all those who received the original guide but should anyone be overlooked they can obtain a copy on request.

EXHIBITION OF COMFORTABLE CLOTHING FOR THE DISABLED

To be opened at 7.30 pm on Monday
6th October by the Rt Hon Alfred Morris
at the Aylesbury Day Centre.

Open daily from then on 10.00 am - 9.30 pm

All those who are interested in the welfare
of disabled people, either personally or
professionally, are invited to attend this
display. Mrs M Thornton of the Disabled
Living Foundation will attend the exhibition
and demonstrate the various exhibits.

Southwark Befrienders

Details are now available of the Course which is
being run by the Southwark Association for Mental
Health which was mentioned in last month's
Newsletter.

The Course will be held at The Institute of Psychiatry
De Crespigny Park, SE5 (opposite King's College
Hospital) on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm from
16th October - 4th December, 1975. The
programme is as follows:-

	Leader/Speaker
16th October OPEN MEETING	
Film: 'The Overdose'	Dr Birley
followed by coffee & discussion	Vice-President, SAMH
22nd October Mental Illness - The Problems	A Consultant Psychiatrist
30th October Volunteers in Mental Health	Some Volunteers
6th November Befriender, Social Worker and Community	Two Social Workers
13th November Mental Illness - Treatment	A Psychiatrist
20th November Another Way of Befriending	Two Samaritans
27th November Befriending - some practical problems	Group Discussion
4th December Befriending - some personal problems	Group Discussion

Anyone interested in joining the Course should get in touch with
the Hon Secretary, SAMH, Mrs J Birley, 133 Sydenham Hill, SE26.
Tel: 777-6611 (work) and 693-2600 (home).

GENERAL MATTERS

The Greater London Association for the Disabled invite you
to attend their **Annual General Meeting** to be held on Tuesday,
21st October 1975 at 6.30 pm in the Great Hall, Imperial College,
of Science and Technology, Kensington, SW7.

Speaker: **Dr Fred Reid.**

Dr Reid is a Lecturer at Warwick University and both he and his
wife are blind. He is a brilliant and absorbing speaker who has
campaigns ceaselessly for an improved quality of living for all
disabled people.

GLAD extends an invitation to all those working in the voluntary
or statutory field who are concerned about the difficulties which
face those who work for greater integration of handicapped
people into the community.

Audio and visual transmission for the very and/or totally deaf
will be provided and GLAD hopes that there will be a good
attendance of both deaf and blind people so that Dr Reid's talk
may be heard by as wide an audience as possible.

The GLC and International Women's Year

HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS

A Meeting will be held at the Central Hall,
Westminster on Saturday, 8th November
from 2.00 to 5.30 pm.

The aim of the meeting is to inform women
of all ages of the range of voluntary activities
that are open to them. Many people are
lonely or somewhat bored. Here is an oppor-
tunity to learn how to find a new interest and
friendship and at the same time help other
people - children or adults.

The programme will cover activities with
Voluntary Societies, local government work,
Consumer Councils, etc. and self-help in
children's play-groups, with old people, in
clinics etc., with expert speakers. What there
is to do and how to start.

Admission free.

*The meeting is being sponsored by the
Right Hon the Chairman, Dame Evelyn
Denington, DBE, who would be glad to supply
leaflets concerning the meeting for distribu-
tion, also posters. There will be a literature
stall and the organisers will be glad to make
available any relevant publications from
voluntary organisations if they will inform
the organisers about material which they
have.*

WIRELESS FOR THE BEDRIDDEN

We have been asked to remind anyone who may be
concerned with the welfare of housebound invalids
and old people who are virtually locked in and who
may experience great loneliness that the *Wireless for
the Bedridden Society* exists to give help in such
cases. The aim of the Society is that no one who
is housebound or aged should be deprived of the
companionship which they can get from a Radio or
Television set because they are too poor to pay for
it. Every case submitted to the Society for
consideration will be carefully looked at.

Some copies of the application form which must be
submitted are available from the SCVS, or they may
be obtained direct from the Society by writing to
*John H Parker, Secretary, Wireless for the Bedridden,
20 Wimpole Street, W1M 8BQ (Tel: 935 0949)*

MEGAN DU BOISSON MEMORIAL PRIZE COMPETITION

The closing date for entries for the Megan du Boisson
Memorial Prize is 30th November, 1975. The
competition is for an article of approximately 2,500
words (though anything between 1,000 and 5,000
words will be considered) which stimulates new
thought about the problems of disablement and helps
advance knowledge and educate the public. It should
be original and unpublished material covering aspects
of clinical, sociological, psychological, engineering or
economic aspects of disability. The competition is
open to anyone with interest in and knowledge of the
field of disability. Entry forms may be obtained from
the General Secretary, Disablement Income Group,
Queen's House, 180 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
Tel: 636 1946.

HEATING FOR THE ELDERLY

We recently reported on the scheme adopted by the Birmingham Local Authority to deal with the problem of payment for heating by pensioners. Since then, a further initiative has been taken in this field by the British Association of Settlements & Social Action Centres. They have now issued a Research Group Report concerning the Disconnection of Domestic Electricity Supplies which can be summarised as follows:-

Essentially the report argues that the Gas and Electricity Boards should no longer be allowed to cut off supplies in cases of non-payment. It asks the Minister of Energy to carry out a statutory review as a matter of urgency.

Its argument is that disconnection is undesirable and unnecessary, and that there is no reason why the Gas and Electricity Boards should not rely on the legal processes of recovery that the rest of us have to make do with. And the report makes the point that if the Boards did have to go through those processes, without the disconnection sanction, they might well devote a little more of their time and energy to providing a service better designed to prevent debts occurring in the first place.

The evidence comes from the Gas and Electricity Boards themselves, and from their respective consultative councils, and the Report argues that the Boards in particular consistently underrate the effects of their disconnection policies. According to their figures, no fewer than 100,000 households were cut off in England and Wales, and no less than 36,000 more in Scotland in 1973. More than 400,000 people were probably affected. In addition a further 150,000 householders are paying off arrears to the Boards at any given time, and even more are threatened with disconnection.

The Report springs no surprise when it reveals who suffers from the disconnection policy: the old, people with large families, single parent families — anyone who might have to rely on low incomes or supplementary benefit. Flat rate subsidies and cheaper rates for high consumers all leave the poor no better off than the rich at best, and substantially worse off in most cases. The poor pay a higher proportion of their income in heating costs than the well off.

And the means by which they pay exacerbates the situation too. The Report argues that the Boards should reverse their trend towards phasing out the slot meter in favour of the quarterly account, and they should also make thrift stamps more readily available. Most important, the area Boards should adopt common policies and go in for national publicity.

LAG BULLETIN

The Legal Action Group publishes a monthly bulletin entitled The LAG BULLETIN which covers the law relating to housing and public health, children, social security and supplementary benefit, the mentally ill, noise and nuisance, traffic control, employment, immigrants, tribunal procedures and techniques — in fact the whole spectrum of law that affect the poorer sections of the community.

Though it is written primarily for lawyers the language used is understandable to experienced lay advisers or social workers. The yearly subscription for individuals and for charitable organisations is £5.75 to be sent to the Legal Action Group, 28a Highgate Road, NW5 1NS (485 1189/267 0048).

INFO CO-OP

If you are organising a Residents' Association which is opposing a council Compulsory Purchase Order and you want to know what success other groups have had you might begin by wading through a mass of obscure literature on the subject. Or you might plug in to an information network and make contact with people who have just the experience you are looking for. The School of Architecture of the Architectural Association are the organisers of the network which is chiefly concerned with local housing activity, community action and related fields. Their idea grew out of a teaching and research programme in which staff and students investigate, help or promote alternative forms of housing and local action.

The objective is to make the network self-supporting. Members pay as they use it and for a modest subscription obtain information and details of documents and publications in a notebook circulated three or four times a year. For full details apply to Christine Park, AA Communications Network (GS), 36 Bedford Square, WC1 3ES (Tel: 636 5981).

CONFERENCES, COURSES & TRAINING

The London Council of Social Service has now issued its 'Pink List' of Specialist Part-time Courses arranged by Voluntary Organisations and including names of Educational Establishments organising Courses of interest in the Social Welfare Field 1975/76.

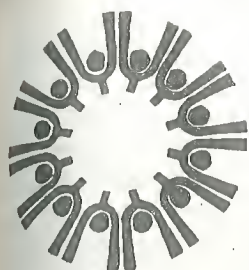
Courses are listed in the following categories:-

- Children & Child Care
- Community Work
- Group Work
- Handicapped
- Epilepsy
- Mental Health
- Pastoral Care & Counselling
- Preparation for Retirement
- Youth Work
- & Other Courses of Interest, including
 - Understanding Alcoholism
 - Towards One World
 - Sex Education & Personal Relationships
 - After Care
 - Work with the Elderly

The London Training Group, sponsored by the London SCVYO and ILEA to foster training in Youth Leadership are running an introductory course designed with those who are new to youth work in mind. Stage 1 begins on Tuesday, 21st October and the closing date for applications is 10th October. The course takes place weekly on Tuesdays from 7.15 - 9.15 pm and there will also be a residential weekend from 31st October/2nd November at Hurst Court, Sussex. Attendance at the residential weekend is obligatory. Fee: (for ILEA based Groups only) £5; others £10. The fee will be refundable on satisfactory completion of the course. Full details and application forms are available from the London Training Group, 112 City Road, Road, EC1V 2NB (Tel: 253 1919).

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!

The Southwark Branch of the United Nations Association needs collectors to help with the Flag Day to be held on Saturday, 18th October. Anyone able to give an hour or two to this is asked to get in touch with the Hon Secretary, Miss K M Caldin, 138 Woodward Road, SE22



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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

THE VOLUNTARY BODIES AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Starting Point

It was decided, after the local authority 'Workshop' held in July, that the SCVS should explore the possibility of establishing some true co-ordinated relationship between the local authority and those bodies working in the voluntary sector. For this reason, the Annual Meeting of the SCVS took the form of a Discussion which was intended both to inform those members and friends who had not attended the 'Workshop' of the thinking which had come out of it and to make a little more progress in the direction of some finite proposals.

What Next?

So that everyone may be kept in the picture, a shortened version of the Discussion at the Annual Meeting will be published in 'Voluntary Voice' — an occasional publication of the SCVS which is made possible by a grant from a Trust. Copies of this will be distributed as widely as possible. Out of the Annual Meeting came the proposal that the newly elected Executive Committee of the SCVS should take further initiatives and since then the Committee has come up with the following programme.

Stage 1: A small working group from the Executive Committee are to spend a day together to hammer out some concrete proposals.

Stage 2: A further meeting of member organisations and others will be held at which these proposals will be discussed. It is hoped that this meeting will enable those most deeply concerned to find out how much support there is likely to be from the organisations at work in the borough.

Following On

What is to happen after the December meeting will depend on a number of factors, the most important being the degree of support for the proposals. Another crucial factor will be the success or failure of the SCVS's application for Urban Aid for the employment of extra staff. Present Resources are totally inadequate for any increase in activities or enlarged responsibilities, so the

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE

HELD EARLY IN DECEMBER

AT WHICH OUR PROPOSALS

WILL BE DISCUSSED.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE,

PLEASE TRY AND ATTEND!

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question of finding additional financial backing is one which will be central to the chance of making real progress towards achieving the difficult goal which the SCVS has been set.

The Very Reverend Harold E Frankham, Provost of Southwark, has kindly accepted the invitation of the Chairman and Executive Committee of the SCVS to become a Vice-President of the Council.

GENERAL MATTERS

ASPECTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING

- * Temporary Employment Subsidy extended to the whole country
- * £30m grant to the Manpower Services Commission for schemes to provide jobs, particularly for younger workers, which are of social value in areas of high unemployment. Where possible, the temporary jobs will provide career training and will be linked to forms of further education.
- * Scheme to encourage recruitment of school-leavers to be introduced shortly. It will give firms which take on school-leavers who are on the unemployment register a subsidy of £5 a week for each boy or girl. These measures start in 1975 and stop at the end of 1976

and in the future

- * £20m grant for extra training schemes and an increased payment to people training (cost £5m a year).
- * A further £3m to encourage unemployed workers to move to new jobs, under the Employment Transfer Scheme over the next 18 months.
- * £20m to be spent on advance factories and factory modernisation. In addition to the last budget's £100m for investment schemes, another £80m made available.
- * Extra help for construction industry, where unemployment is particularly acute.

THE JOB CREATION PROGRAMME

The object of the programme is to provide work for people of all ages but priority will be given to schemes for the benefit of young people. Labour intensive projects will be organised and the Manpower Services Commission will reimburse the sponsors for approved costs. These will cover wages and employers' NI contributions and an amount of up to 10% of the labour costs of any project may also be paid for materials, equipment or administrative costs.

Under the scheme projects may be sponsored by any organised group in the community eg local authorities, public bodies, private firms, voluntary organisations, charities or community groups etc. Any labour intensive projects can be considered but they should make a contribution to the enhancement of the environment and/or assist in solving social or community problems.

The size of the projects should provide at least 30 man months' employment eg 12 weeks' work for 10 people. Before deciding to support a project the Commission will need to be certain that sponsors have adequate resources to cover any costs which will not be met by the MSC grant. The wages which the MSC grant will cover will be on the basis of the 'rate for the job' up to a maximum of £50 a week for each employee. Costs incurred by sponsors will usually be paid in arrears on application but the detailed arrangements will be agreed between the Commission and sponsors.

Organisations interested in sponsoring projects under the Job Creation Programme should get in touch with the Central Unit, Manpower Services Commission Selkirk House, 166 High Holborn, WC1 6PF (240 1796 & 836 1213). Further details and an application form will then be sent.

WHAT BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT INTEND TO DO

Blackfriars Settlement is looking for a short life property to patch up themselves and then use as a centre for the training of unemployed youngsters. They hope to enlist qualified tradesmen to train the young people. The work centre organiser wants the young people to be taught their trade properly so that they will have recognised qualifications and be able to get a job when they leave. It is intended to set the scheme up as a co-operative so that it can eventually be self-supporting.

It is likely that the scheme will take at least a year to get under way and meanwhile the Settlement is looking at other possible schemes that could start more quickly.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

The National Council of Social Service is trying to collect and collate information on initiatives which have been taken in different parts of the country. According to their information, the ways in which local organisations can respond to the present situation appear to fall into three main groups:—

- 1 Work projects with a training element in them; conservation activities and self-help projects.
- 2 An extension of community service which could be undertaken without affecting any benefits payable to volunteers but which should include a payment of realistic expenses.
- 3 The development of educational initiatives including classes helping to develop practical skills. These could be an extension of programmes which community centres and other educational bodies already have.

Anyone who is running anything in the nature of a community enterprise involving people who are unemployed (particularly young people) is asked to let the SCVS have information about it. The evidence of activity is needed by the NCSS not only to help them in any national negotiations with the Manpower Services Commission but also with the appropriate section of the EEC with a view to obtaining funds for projects. The NCSS considers that the number of projects which would qualify for grants would undoubtedly be small and would be likely to fall into Group 1.

EEC POVERTY PROGRAMME

The government has decided it will participate in the EEC programme of pilot projects to combat poverty. The programme was authorised by the EEC Council of Ministers in June 1975 as part of the community's social action programme.

£1¼ million is to be made available by the EEC in 1976 and a somewhat larger sum in 1977. A formal application will be submitted to the EEC Commission shortly; informal discussions have already taken place with the commission about the proposals the government has in mind. These include aid for voluntary organisations providing family centres, essentially designed as self-help projects, for community resource centres, for certain community action projects and for some small research studies into deprivation. Full details will be announced when outstanding points of procedure are settled and the government's formal application is forwarded.

The total cost of the British government's proposals would be about £500,000 a year. If the applications are approved the EEC would provide 50% of this.

CLUB MINIBUS DRIVERS READ ON —
Drivers of minibuses for school, youth or welfare groups may unwittingly be breaking the law, according to the National Council of Social Service.

It seems that drivers without the Public Service Vehicle License run the risk of prosecution, even when no direct payment has been made.

Under various Acts culminating in the Road Traffic Act 1960, any vehicle which is constructed or adapted to carry 8 or more passengers becomes a public service vehicle if any payment or consideration is given by, on behalf of, or received from a passenger, as this constitutes 'hire or reward'. 'Hire or reward' is given a wide interpretation by Section 118 of the 1960 Act and in a number of cases with which the Courts have had to deal. Payment does not have to be in cash and it does not have to be profitable. If passengers pay towards other expenses of the trip (eg accommodation, food, entry to theatre, etc.) instead, then this is considered to entitle the passenger to be carried to the exclusion of a non-payer and therefore contravenes Section 118 of the 1960 Act.

BAS ADULT LITERACY PROJECT

The British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres has launched a three year Adult Literacy Project, based at 33 Clapham Road, SW9 0JE (735 5877). An impressive Advisory Committee has been drawn together under the chairmanship of Bill Boaden, Education Secretary of ATTI, and including practitioners and specialists in adult literacy. The project aims to help both statutory and voluntary schemes to co-operate in providing a more effective and efficient programme of tuition. Priority will be given to assisting scheme organisers in establishing clear, measurable objectives for their schemes, as well as advising on the more technical aspects of literacy tuition.

Change of Officer, Name or Address

Apex Trust
SECRETARY GENERAL Paul Lumkin
AFTER SIX HOUSING ADVISORY
TRUST LTD., 48 William IV Street,
WC2 4LS (836 6534)
CAMPAIGN FOR HOMELESS &
ROOTLESS (CHAR), 27 Endell Street,
WC2 (240 2691)
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY
SERVICE (PHAS), Care House, Bigland
Street, E1 (790 4507)
SPASTICS SOCIETY, London Regional
Office, 76 Cambridge Road, Kingston-
upon-Thames, KT1 3LB (549 5988)

CONFERENCES' COURSES & MEETINGS

7th November. Day Seminar on Fundraising in a changing Society, organised by the Voluntary Movement Group at the King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, W1. Fee: (including coffee, lunch and tea) members £8 non-members £10. Enquiries to the administrative secretary, VMG, 12 Greystones Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 OEG.

20th November. Day symposium on The Needs of Immigrant Families arranged by the Royal Society of Health at Central Hall, Westminster. Fee: Members £5.25 + VAT Non-members £6.25 + VAT. Enquiries to the conference department, RSH, 13 Grosvenor Place, SW1X 7EN.

19th November. 10 am — 4.30 pm. LCSS Department of Social Planning and Community Work. Study Day — Who Joins Community Groups? At the Library Association, Ridgemount Street, WC1E 7AE. (Nearest tube station Goodle Street). Fee: £1 (inclusive of coffee and tea only.)

Day conference 18th December 1975: Positive Discrimination for Disadvantaged Areas: Choosing Priorities. A number of speakers will take part: the general discussion will be introduced by Dipak Nandy. Fee: £3 including morning coffee and lunch. Booking forms and full details from the Department, LCSS, 68' Chilton Street, NW1 (388 0241). Please send stamped addressed envelope.

27th November. Lecture: Deprivation and Delinquency by Simon Rodway. Assistant Director of Social Services, LB Barnet. Arranged by the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency. 7.30 pm at Caxton Hall, SW1. Members free; non-members 20p. Also — 4th February: Problem Children in School. 3rd March: Preventing Delinquency? Enquiries to General Secretary, 34 Surrey Street Croydon, Surrey, CR9 1JU.

FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Many children are not getting a chance of family life because of their age or the fact that they have multi-handicaps. Adoptive families can be found for these children but it requires special skills on the part of the placing agency.

Moves are now afoot however to set up an independent specialist agency specially geared to the needs of these children. The idea is to reduce the traditional 'investigation' of parents to a minimum, the assumption being that anyone who wants to parent a child with special needs should be helped and encouraged to do so. Group meetings and discussions with social workers and other adoptive parents would focus on the needs of the children and how best they could be met. The agency's activities would reinforce and complement the existing work being done in this field, particularly by the Adoption Resource Exchange; by inviting referrals of children whom ARE is currently unable to help. It would also accept referrals from local authorities and voluntary agencies. By virtue of its independent status it could provide a focal point for concentrating relevant skills and knowledge for a specific group of children.

DHSS have expressed interest in the idea and a launching committee has been formed with

Anthony Rampton (Chairman of the Association of British Adoption Agencies) as Chairman and including representatives from the ABAA, ARE, the British Paediatric Association, the Community Relations Commission, the Association of Directors of Social Services, the National Children's Bureau, the Independent Adoption Society and the Parent to Parent information on the adoption services.

First steps have been taken to set up the agency — to be known as PARENTS FOR CHILDREN — and applications are being made to several trusts for financial support

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

A young MS patient, Nicole Davoud, who edits a column in the MS News, the Society's quarterly magazine, is now launching a new youth scheme with the idea of getting more young people involved in the Society's work, both with and without MS, and developing more activities for younger patients and relatives.

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT APPEALS

A research study commissioned by the DHSS has found that supplementary benefit appeal tribunals vary widely in their manner of functioning. For example, tribunal Chairman vary in their understanding of the law relating to supplementary benefits, in their exercise of discretionary powers and in their ability to recognise cases in which value judgments might influence their conduct of proceedings. The 'Research Study on Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals' which was directed by Professor Kathleen Bell of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and which concentrated on tribunals in northern England also found that an appellant's chances of success were increased by personal attendance at the hearing and were greatest of all where he was accompanied by a representative.

Recommendations made by Professor Bell include

all tribunal Chairman and members should be properly trained and, eventually, all Chairmen should be legally qualified facilities for representation should be expanded and legal aid should be extended to include tribunal proceedings more consideration should be given to people who find it difficult to attend because they are handicapped or elderly there is a need for a second-tier appeal body: possibly the jurisdiction of the NI Commissioners could be widened for this purpose ultimately, the appeals structures of national insurance, family allowances, family income supplements and supplementary benefits should be integrated.

In a foreword to the research study report, Brian O'Malley, Minister of State, DHSS, says that the government is now undertaking a general review of supplementary benefits appeal tribunals and would welcome any views in the light of the research study. These should be sent to the Department of Health and Social Security, Branch SB4, New Court, Carey Street, WC2A 2LS.

LOCAL MATTERS

WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK

Michael West, MCD, BArch, FRTP1, ARIBA, took up his appointment as Borough Planner in place of Ian Lacey recently. For nearly three years Mr West has been in charge of the work of the Central London Planning Conference, a non-statutory advisory body responsible for bringing together the policies and ideas of the boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, the City of London and Islington and providing a collective response to overall planning proposals for London. He has formerly worked in Bermuda and in the Westminster BC Planning Department.

also

John Hobson, Solicitor, who began work as Community Lawyer to the CDP on 1st October. Mr Hobson was formerly Director of the West Stepney Law Centre.

'A HELPING HAND'

A four page addition and amendment sheet is now available to update the guide to services for the elderly 'A Helping Hand'. It may be obtained from all social services area offices of the information centres at the Town Hall and 258 Commercial Way.

NURSING FOR THE FAMILY

The British Red Cross Society are planning a short course beginning in January. This will give instruction and advice on how to care for patients at home. For further details contact Mrs B Durrant-Cooke, 160 Peckham Rye, SE15 (693 4512).

FUEL CHARGES

Following the initiative begun by the Blackfriars Settlement there is to be an attempt to gather information about the effect of current fuel debt practice and a form has been produced on which agencies are asked to record cases which come to their notice.

We are indebted to the National Council of Social Service and to the London Council of Social Service for some of the material which appears in this Newsletter.

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SOUTHWARK PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 20th November at 8.00 pm at the

International Arts Centre, Newington Butts

Speaker: Ken Dale, Southwark Play Officer

All are Welcome

WANTED!

POPPY DAY COLLECTORS

Anyone willing to sell Poppies on Saturday, November 8th is asked to contact either Mrs E Cantellow at 735 8474 or the Royal British Legion Headquarters, 40 Braganza Street, SE1 582 8662.

Your Help is Needed

GRAND DRAW

The winning tickets were nos:-
2634: 3607: 2485: 2080

The holders of the tickets have been informed. The net profit on the Draw was £57.

TELEPHONE ADVICE ON BIRTH CONTROL

From the 1st of this month a central information number for all birth control or family planning queries has been established for the Guys' Health District, covering Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Walworth, Borough, Newington, Deptford and New Cross. By ringing this number - 703 7880 - anyone can obtain information about birth control, pregnancy testing, local family planning and young people's clinics and the free birth control service provided by family doctors.

The service is manned by Brook Advisory Service Centre staff and the social worker and nurses can help with both non-medical and medical advice.

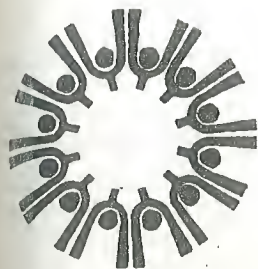
NEW RESOURCE CENTRE FOR LITERACY

The Media Resources Officer at the Frobisher Institute is establishing a Resource Centre for Literacy. For this purpose he is collecting copies of all literacy material including slides, photographs, tapes, work cards, material produced for the training of volunteer tutors etc. All such material will be catalogued and those who are in need of it will be able to order copies as required at cost price.

From the Council Minutes TELEPHONES

The Policy Group on services for the Elderly and Physically Handicapped has been reviewing the criteria for the provision of telephones. They have drawn attention to the danger of the level of expenditure on telephones exhausting the allocation made in the budget for aids and adaptations generally. Whereas the cost of other aids and adaptations is confined to the initial cost, the provision of a telephone involves not only the installation cost but also the continuing rental. It has therefore been decided that no more telephones will be provided unless the Director of Social Services personally considers that there is an exceptional need in a certain case. It is thought that such exceptional cases will be rare.

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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES

The debate which has been taking place over the last months in Southwark is one which other boroughs are also engaged in. It is a truism to say that these are difficult times for the voluntary agencies — it seems to us that all times are that, for one reason or another — but what strikes home hard at this particular moment, apart from the stresses engendered by the financial plight of the country as a whole, is the feeling of crisis which arises from the moves which local authorities have been making towards the adoption of corporate planning and management methods and the repercussions which may result from these processes.

Voluntary Action Lewisham (our sister body 'next door') recently released their General Secretary to carry out a survey of voluntary bodies in the borough and institute a programme of self-appraisal among those bodies. The Report on his findings has yet to be published but VAL has now published "Voluntary Action '75", A discussion paper for members and supporters of voluntary organisations in Lewisham." Considering the problem of where the voluntary agencies fit in today, Mr Clive Jordan says:-

"It isn't easy to identify the ideal relationship between us as voluntary bodies, and the statutory services delivered through local authorities. Nonetheless that relationship is a real one, if only because (a) we work inside a framework determined by the services which the state provides, and (b) we are dependent for many of our activities on grant aid from statutory sources.

One of the assumptions often made about voluntary organisations is that we provide services primarily for those for whom no statutory provision is made. Certainly, many voluntary groups would feel they were largely wasting their time if they merely duplicated state provision.

Yet the assumption needs serious questioning because it is seldom so easy to make arbitrary distinctions. Do we believe, for instance, that the state meets all the needs of people for whom it makes some provision? Equally, would we stop helping someone on the grounds that the state is making some provision for him?

In practice, it doesn't work like that; in practice the state provides a range of services, some universally (eg maternity services) and some limited by a form of "needs test" (eg meals-on-wheels), each aimed at meeting particular needs. From the consumer's point of view, some of his needs will be met by these services and some won't.

Our job, as voluntary organisations, is essentially to see that those services are as apposite as possible and to supplement them as much as possible. How we do this must depend on the extent and manner of the statutory provision, and so this will vary from issue to issue."

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In contrast, the approach in the LB of Islington seems to be very closely related to some form of evaluation and a brief look at some of the methods of measurement merely underlines our awareness of the extreme difficulty of arriving at anything in the nature of an objective judgement in matters of this kind.

The debate can and must continue and we hope that as many people as possible will make the effort to come to the meeting of 11th December to represent their own particular group and let us know their views.

* Place of the meeting:-
New Crossways Church
New Kent Road

A NEW INITIATIVE

The Central London Branch of the ACTSS Transport & General Workers Union have recently written to Barbara Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Roy Jenkins, Home Secretary, to recommend the setting up of a Deficit Fund for Voluntary Organisations.

The object of the fund would be to enable to voluntary organisations to maintain their present level of staffing and continue current projects — it is not intended to do more than support the status quo.

MORE ABOUT THE JOB CREATION SCHEME

About 150 people attended a meeting arranged by the London Council of Social Service at the St Pancras Church Hall to hear the Director of the Job Creation Scheme explain it in some detail.

Of interest to those in the hall was the information that of the £30m allocated to the scheme £24m had been divided between the Development Areas and the remaining balance of £6m would be available to be drawn on by those putting up schemes in the London area.

In the 6 weeks from the inception of the scheme £10.7m has been earmarked for 621 projects which will total some 8,000 jobs.

The scheme is a flexible one and aims at creating employment in any area where there is a particular problem. This means that particular attention will be paid to proposals for those at either end of the age range ie the under 24s and the over 50s, though in some circumstances those in middle life will be equally eligible.

The Manpower Services Commission are particularly interested in schemes that will create as many jobs as possible and where, for example in the case of co-operatives, those jobs may well become permanent. Whatever its nature, every project will be expected to have a substantial training element and this includes induction training into a work environment, training for project supervisors and managers and the chance for identifying areas of choice of work. An example of the latter element was given in a scheme set up in co-operation between a local authority, health authority and private industry in which young people would work for two months at a time in each of these settings and it was hoped that, as they became aware of job opportunities, they would be placed permanently at some stage in the programme.

The unsatisfactory result of the short-term nature of the programme was one cause for concern by those attending the meeting but they were told that it was hoped that it would be possible for those taking part in the projects to go forward afterwards to Government Skill Centres, Further Education or other Training Schemes.

Of the projects so far accepted by the Manpower Services Commission for support 75-80% are local authority sponsored but the MSC are most willing and anxious to receive suitable applications from other bodies.

It was emphasised that though the approach is flexible, some of the requirements are absolute. Under no circumstances may the £50 maximum wage be exceeded and it was made clear that the rate paid must be the normal local authority rate for the job. Recruitment for projects will be rigidly confined to the registered unemployed.

It was recommended that anyone wishing to submit a project for consideration should talk in the first instance to the staff in the Central Services Unit in High Holborn in order to get their advice on its acceptability as proposed. It is the policy of the Commission to

impose a limit of £50,000 on any one project though there may be occasional exceptions to this rule.

Cambridge House & Talbot, with the Blackfriars Settlement and at this time discussing a joint project 'Elephant Jobs' with the Manpower Services Commission.

THE URBAN AID PROGRAMME

Members of the Standing Conference of Councils of Voluntary Service came together to discuss the problems, as they saw them, of the present working of the system of awards under the Urban Aid Programme and the implications of the continuation or otherwise of the Programme in its present form. Further consideration will be given to this but for the time being action will be limited to informing the Home Office that CVS have views on the working of the scheme and will be submitting them for consideration at a later date. The Southwark Council of Voluntary Service hope that it will be possible to canvass the members and others for suggestions about ways in which the working of the scheme might be altered and improved at some time early in the new year.

LOCAL MATTERS

ADVICE

Changes in sessions
and times

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

199 Walworth Road SE17

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Thursday 2.00 pm - 8.00 pm

ADVICE CENTRE IN THE BLUE

Manor Church Galleywall Road SE16

Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Legal Advice sessions

Saturday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
General Information & Advice

Saturday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Information stall in the 'Blue'

SITS VAC

Are You Flexible? Imaginative? Sensitive to the needs of lonely people?

If so, you may be the person that the Southwark Association for Mental Health is looking for to lead a new Club to be started in the Camberwell area. It is envisaged that the Club will provide a place where isolated people can have a meal, join in social activities in a friendly and informal atmosphere. The Club will be open on Saturdays only from 2.00 - 10.00 and the appointment of Leader will run for one year in the first instance but may be extended. Salary in the region of £750. For further information write to:- Mrs J Birley, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, BR3 3BX. Closing date 12th December 1975.



*Time of the meeting:-
7.30 pm*

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

Morley College Courses - Spring 1976

Daytime Courses:-

From 8th January for 12 weeks

Thursdays 10.00 am - 12 noon

Volunteers & Professionals in the Social Services

Tutor: Pam Warren, General Secretary, Camden

Council of Social Service Fee: £1.45

From 5th January for six weeks

Mondays 2.00 - 4.00 pm

The Personal Social Services: Integrating

Voluntary Initiative in Planning

Enquiries to: The Training Advisory Officer,

The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road,

Berhamstead, Herts [044 27 73311] Fee: £1.45

From 6th January for one term

Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Living with Deafness

Tutor: Clive Davis

Fee: £1.45

From 7th January for one term

Wednesdays 10.00 am - 12 noon

The Elderly: Independence or Care?

Tutor to be announced

Fee: £1.45

From 7th January for one term

Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Mentally Handicapped Children & Adults: Their

Place in Modern Society

Tutor: Francis Dean

Fee: £1.45

From 8th January for one term

Thursdays 10.00 am - 12 noon

The Lone Parent in a Two-parent Family World

Convenor: Tessa Woodcraft

Fee: £1.45

From 7th January for one term

Wednesdays 10.00 am - 12 noon

Neighbourhood & Community: Basic Course for

Community Workers

Tutor: Clifford Wright

Fee: £1.45

Evening Courses:-

From 8th January for 8 weeks

Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

An Introduction to Voluntary Work

Tutor: Mrs Anne Moody, Director, Volunteers'

Advisory Services, London Council of

Social Service

Fee £1.45

From 7th January for one term

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Alcoholism Counselling Course

Tutors: Derek Rutherford & Marie Louise Mayer

Prospective students apply to the National Council

on Alcoholism, 45 Great Peter Street, SW1P 3LT

Fee: £2.45

From 5th January for one term

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Bereavement Counselling

Convenor: Derek Nuttall

Prospective students apply to Lay Course Convenor,

Cruse, Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond,

Surrey

Fee: £2.45

From 5th January for six weeks

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Volunteers Working with Offenders

Enquiries to Mark Rankin, The Volunteer Centre,

29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamstead, Herts

[044 27 73311]

Fee: £1.45

From 8th January for one term

Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Community Rights (WEA Course)

Tutor: Delia Coonan

Fee: £1.45

From 6th January for six weeks

Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Old Age - Who Cares?

Tutor to be announced

Fee: £1.45

From 12th January for one term

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Single People in Modern Society

Tutor: Sally Nicholls, Tutor in Social and Community

Studies, Morley College

Fee: £1.45

From 5th January for one term

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30 pm

The Black Community

Tutor: Ansel Wong

Fee: £1.45

Full details of these courses may be obtained from the

Tutor in Social and Community Studies [928 8501

extension 35] of the College Office, Morley College,

61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HT.

COMMUNITY WORK

In Service Training Course

Applications are now invited for an In Service

Training Course in Community Work arranged

by the National Council of Social Service in

conjunction with Leicester University, February -

June 1976.

Participants will be expected to be engaged in

responsible full time work where a major component

involves the use of knowledge and skills of

community work. Participants will be from

voluntary and statutory agencies, as well as from

different fields eg Race Relations, Planning, Social

Services, Councils for Voluntary Service, Adult

Education etc.

Although the time away from work is only 13 days

during the four months the participant will be

involved in some demanding projects which will

required some allowance of time by the employer.

A minimum of half a day a week is recommended.

It should be noted that because of their nature

these projects will be of great value to the

participants' department or agency if used imagin-

atively.

Full details of this course are available from the

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service or from

John Ward, Head of Training & Development

Department, National Council of Social Service,

26 Bedford Square, WC1 3HU [636 4066].

Seminar on The Environment, Community Groups

and Trade Unions

There will be a seminar arranged by the London

Council of Social Service from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

on Wednesday 10th December at St Pancras Church

House, Lancing Street, NW1 which will discuss

co-operation between community groups and trade

unions on conserving and improving the environment.

Speaker: Jack Munday, Member and former

Secretary of the New South Wales Builders' Labourers'

Federation. Enquiries to Mary Gallagher,

Department of Social Planning & Community Work,

LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR [388 0241]

** Date of the meeting:-
11th December 1975*

GENERAL MATTERS

COMPANY REGISTRATION FEES

Sympathetic consideration at ministerial level is being given to a proposal that registered charities should pay a reduced fee when filing their annual returns.

The £3 obligatory annual return due on or after June 2nd, 1975 by charities registered as limited companies suddenly was raised to £20, yet another blow to small charities at a time when inflation is eroding their resources. A number of these asked the NCSS to raise the matter with the authorities, which they have done. A final decision will not be made until the Government has had time to consider the recommendations of the two committees examining the law and privileges accorded to charities at present. The all-party House of Commons Expenditure Committee reported last month but the Goodman Committee is not expected to report before the end of the year.

In the meantime, the Companies Registration Office suggests that charities which seek the protection and privileges of incorporation primarily to simplify the processes of holding land and securities might consider whether they would not be better served by using the facilities provided by the Charity Commission through its Official Custodian and its Charities Division, which exist for just such purposes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD USE OF BUILDINGS & SPACE

The Inter-Action Advisory Service has now established a branch concerned with

- *Self-help to produce leisure and social facilities through low-cost rehabilitation
- *Local management of projects by tenants and residents for the benefit of their own neighbourhoods

For appointments or further information about this service write to or ring Neighbourhood Use of Building & Space, Inter-Action Advisory Service, 14 Talacre Road, NW5 (267 1422)

We are indebted to the National Council of Social Service for some of the material which appears in this Newsletter.

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PRINTING RESOURCES

A self-help charity for handicapped people — *SHARE COMMUNITY LTD* — which has as one of its principal aims the setting up of work schemes and businesses with supportive services for disabled workers runs an offset litho print and finishing unit and will quote competitively for a variety of printing and finishing jobs.

For questions relating to printing work contact Mr G A Beanland, Share Litho Print, Share Community Ltd., 170 Kingston Road, Merton Park, SW19. [542 6241]

RATE RELIEF FOR CHARITY SHOPS AT SOME FUTURE DATE

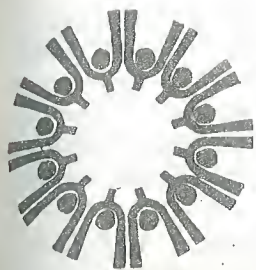
Charity shops are to be exempted from the need to pay rates. In a written answer in the House of Commons on 20th October, Mr John Silkin said that the Secretary of State for the Environment "hopes to introduce legislation to bring charity shops within the scope of relief for charities under Section 40 of the General Rate Act 1967, at the next suitable legislative opportunity". He added, "I cannot promise when that will be".

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR VOLUNTEER BUREAUX DEVELOPMENT

The three year period during which the National Council of Social Service received a grant for work in the promotion and support of Volunteer Bureaux has now come to an end and the work has been transferred to the Volunteer Centre, who will be appointing a Volunteer Bureaux Development and an Information Assistant. The responsibility of the NCSS ends at the new year but they will continue to act on matters concerning Volunteer Bureaux until such time as the new staff have been appointed by the Volunteer Centre.

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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

We have received the following information from the National Council of Social Service concerning the use of minibuses and feel that it is important that those concerned should have this information in full.

REGULATIONS AFFECTING USE AND LICENSING OF MINIBUSES

In recent weeks the National Council has received from its constituent bodies a number of enquiries relating to the use and licensing of minibuses in the voluntary sector. The transport regulations currently affecting minibuses are contained in Section 118 of the Road Transport Act 1960, and from 1 January 1976 will also be affected by EEC Regulation 543/69.

EEC Regulation 543/69 requires drivers of vehicles constructed to carry nine or more persons including the driver to hold a "Certificate of Professional Competence". The National Council's legal officer considers that this certificate refers, in Britain, to a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) licence and that PSV testing and certification would also apply to such vehicles. It is generally considered that the high costs involved in drivers obtaining PSV licences, eg. tuition, driving test and medical examination fees, and also vehicle testing, inspections etc. will prove prohibitive for many voluntary organisations and severely restrict their activities.

The Director of the NCSS wrote to Sir James Jones, KCB, Permanent Secretary at the Department of the Environment requesting an up-to-date assessment of the position and has now received the following reply:

"The scope of the (EEC) Regulation extends to any passenger vehicle fitted with more than 9 seats including that of the driver, but there are specific exclusions, some of which may be of interest to you.

First, Article 4 (5) states that the Regulation shall not apply to "vehicles used for the carriage of sick and injured persons..." It is at least arguable that this exemption includes vehicles for the handicapped;

Secondly, Article 4 (3) exempts vehicles used on regular services on routes which are less than 50km. Regular services are defined in Article 1 of EEC Regulation 117/66 as "... services which provide for the carriage of passengers at specified intervals along specified routes, passengers being taken up and set down at pre-determined stopping points". This Article expressly includes within its terms services which comply with this definition, but are operated exclusively for specified categories of passengers such as school children. Such services

are called "special regular services". It is possible that some services, for example those taking handicapped children to school daily or disabled people to clinics weekly might fall within this definition.

The Department has for some time found unofficial support in Brussels for the view that this Regulation is meant to apply only to vehicles used commercially. The Regulation is currently under review and we are taking the opportunity to press the matter again with a view to an amendment. We are hopeful that private minibuses will be formally exempted early in 1976.

The Minister has also taken steps to seek deferment of the application of the Regulation in respect of all vehicles on internal journeys. The outcome of

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this move is still in doubt, but we have some grounds for optimism.

Meanwhile, the only provision of the Regulation which need trouble the operators and drivers of private minibuses as from January 1976 is that which relates to age and qualifications (Article 5.2). This requires that the driver shall be over 21 years of age and must hold a certificate of competence.

British residents who on 1 January 1976 are authorised under their existing British licence to drive a minibus - or under a licence which they are entitled to obtain - will be able to continue doing so on journeys within Great Britain, whether they are under the age of 21 or not; but from 1 January 1976, young applicants who obtain a licence will be restricted to vehicles having not more than 9 seats until they are aged 21. Subject to this restriction, the ordinary driving licence will be considered sufficient proof of competence to drive a minibus, except for hire or reward.

The minimum age limit of 21 will remain in force under British law (if Parliament approves) regardless of amendment or deferment of Regulation 543."

This reply does not, however, further clarify Section 118 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 concerning 'hire or reward'. Broadly, the effect of the Act* is as follows:

Public Service Vehicles

- (i) Any motor vehicle used for carrying passengers for hire or reward which either (a) is carrying passengers at separate fares or (b) is not carrying passengers at separate fares but is adapted to carry 8 or more passengers, is a public service vehicle.
- (ii) It will be noted that a vehicle adapted to carry less than 8 passengers which is used to carry passengers for hire or reward but does not carry them at separate fares (eg a taxi-cab or small private hire car when hired as a whole) is not a public service vehicle at all and none of the requirements applies to it. A vehicle adapted to carry less than 8 passengers which is used to carry passengers at separate fares is also treated as not being a public service vehicle in certain circumstances. (See Road Traffic Act 1960, Section 118 and Twelfth Schedule).

Hire or Reward

- (i) Any payment or consideration given by or on behalf of or received from a passenger constitutes hire or reward.
- (ii) Any payment made to a club or society which entitles the passenger to be carried in one of its own vehicles also constitutes hire or reward even though the payment is not directly related to the journey or journeys made.

This means that a voluntary organisation would be deemed to have broken the law if a charge is made for transport costs or, possibly, even if the transport was provided free of charge but a charge had been made for eg a camping trip, theatre visit, seaside visit etc. It is, of course, impossible for either the Department of the Environment or the Traffic Commissioners to give a definitive ruling on this Section of the Act. Only the Courts are able to interpret the law.

It would appear that any journey undertaken in a minibus involving any payment by the passengers is a contravention of the law, unless it is licensed as a public service vehicle and driven by a driver holding a PSV licence. If no payment is made, no risks are involved. *You are therefore advised to look very closely at all your activities involving the use of a minibus.*

The NCSS is also asking the Department of the Environment to make a statement as to how voluntary organisations may safely operate minibuses within the law and, therefore, within the scope of their insurance policies.

In the meantime, the Chairman of the National Council is writing to the Minister of Transport at the Department of the Environment requesting further information on the following:

- (i) The position regarding the application for obtaining deferment of the implementation of the EEC Regulations.
- (ii) The nature of the proposed amendments to the EEC Regulations
- (iii) What, if any, amendments are proposed to be made to the Road Traffic Act 1960.

Anyone requiring further information on this matter is advised to contact the Legal Officer of the NCSS, Mr Adrian Longley, at 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU (636 4066).

* see Memorandum PSV/A February 1973, 'For the guidance of Persons using Motor Vehicles for the Conveyance of Passengers for Hire or Reward'.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The SCVS would like to feel that all its members, in particular those whose resources are limited, feel free to make use of what facilities we can offer to help them.

Do you, for instance, have a mailing list which is burdensome to you? The SCVS has an addressograph and could easily produce batches of envelopes if asked to do so. Many local bodies and individuals are on our plates but for those who are not an extra plate can be obtained at a price of 14p + VAT @ 8% or, for 50 or more plates, 10p + VAT.

Do you have a regular mailing each month which could be combined with the SCVS mailing, thus sharing postage and cutting the costs for both bodies?

Is your duplicator giving up the ghost? Ours, though temperamental, works reasonably well and provided that stencils are suitable for use on a Gestetner machine we are always willing to run them off for you.

If you need help with such things as a Constitution, we are always ready to give assistance and can 'tap in' to many sources of help and advice which you may not be aware of.

So, as a new year resolution, please decide to look on your membership of SCVS as more than a matter of an affiliation fee and a Newsletter and make use of us in the most constructive way possible.

LOCAL MATTERS

SMALL SCALE ENTERPRISES

A One Day Seminar

Action Resource Centre, Blackfriars Settlement, Cambridge House & Talbot Settlement, Lewisham Community Industry and Rotherhithe Workshops are jointly sponsoring a one day Seminar on Small Scale Enterprises — what is and what could be happening with small scale business enterprises in the centres of large cities — on **Saturday, 31st January from 10.00 am — 5.00 pm.**

The Seminar is designed to meet the needs of people who are running or intend to run small scale enterprises. Membership is restricted but a few places still remain. Part of the preparation for the seminar includes the completion of a questionnaire, so applicants are asked to get in touch with Steve Lancashire, Youth & Community Worker at the Blackfriars Settlement as soon as possible. The fee for the seminar is £1.00 (which includes a light lunch).

From ALHE NEWS - December 1975

The Southwark Group has presented its comments on the Southwark Council's Housing Review and copies are available from the ALHE office.

A joint Southwark Council/ALHE consultative document on Participation Structures in Southwark will be the subject of a Seminar to be held at the North Peckham Tenants' Hall on Saturday, 24th January. The document sets out the objectives of the proposed new District Committees. These include equity sharing; co-operative management; co-operative ownership and the status quo. Everything is fluid but the District Committees would be the decision makers.

The document has been sent to the trades unions involved for their comment and Councillors will have the same opportunity as the tenants to discuss the document.

The ASSOCIATION OF LONDON HOUSING ESTATES and the JOINT DOCKLANDS ACTION GROUP are sponsoring a Conference on the Rate system to be held on

Saturday, 28th February from 10 am - 4.30 pm at St Pancras Church House, Lancing Street, Euston, NW1.

The aim of the conference will be to

- *inform tenants about how Councils get and spend their money, and
- *press for a fairer system of Government help - especially for the poorer councils in inner London.

GLC ADVICE CENTRE, LORDSHIP LANE

It has now been confirmed that the appropriate GLC Committee has given approval for the Advice Centre in Lordship Lane to go ahead, subject to the negotiation of the lease.

The LB of Southwark has, from the beginning, been anxious to make the most positive use of this extra resource and is more than willing for voluntary bodies to take advantage of the possibilities which the opening of the Centre will offer. The Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services in the LB of Southwark will be bringing together all those who have already expressed an interest in the centre but if there are any other voluntary bodies who wish to be included in the discussions about its use the SCVS would be glad to hear from them as soon as possible.

It is hoped that it may be possible to use the Centre for many different types of advice services.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON RIGHT TO FUEL CAMPAIGN

Following the initiative taken by the Blackfriars Settlement, the SE London Right to Fuel Campaign is continuing to work on the problem of fuel debts and disconnections.

BOYS AT RISK

Pembroke House has been running a pilot scheme for the benefit of boys at risk and it is interesting to see from the latest interim report how this has worked out. The basis of the scheme was to place boys who are at one and the same time 'unclubbable' and showing signs of disturbance or unsocial behaviour in a situation where they could both feel to be valued as individuals and be helped into a work situation. The boys concerned were of school age and were introduced into small firms to attend for an hour and a half a day after school and during the holidays. Each boy was carefully supervised (payment being made to the supervisors) and helped to take the work situation seriously. Of those boys reported on in the interim report (13 in all) all but one obviously benefited to a greater or lesser degree and one or two were outstandingly successful.

GENERAL MATTERS

HINTS FOR WHEELCHAIR PUSHERS

The Voluntary Help Department, University College Hospital, has produced a new leaflet on the management of wheelchairs. Underlying the practical hints is the message that pushers are companions to the occupants of the chairs, there to respond to the needs and wishes of the pushed.

"HELP YOURSELF TO WARMTH"

An action sheet intended for health, social and voluntary workers has been prepared jointly by Age Concern, the Child Poverty Action Group, Dr Muir Gray, - a community physician with the Oxford Area Health Authority, Jonathan Seagrave - senior research officer with Hillingdon Social Services Department, and the Research Institute for Consumer Affairs.

The action sheet contains a checklist of available cash benefits and how to apply for them; details on the vital importance of staying warm and of saving heat; and practical advice on how to get more heat for your money.

Copies are available from AGE CONCERN (Dept W), 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey, price £1.75 for 50 (minimum order); £3.00 for 100; £5.50 for 200; £13.00 for 500 (cash with order in all cases).

CHANGE OF OFFICER, NAME OR ADDRESS

British Medical Association
SECRETARY Dr E Grey-Turner
(from July 1976)

National Association of Citizens'
Advice Bureaux

HEAD OF INFORMATION

Jaquie Robson

Patients Association
GEN SECRETARY Mrs Angela Rumble
AGE CONCERN, Greater London
Tel: 737 3456/274 6723

GREATER LONDON CITIZENS'
ADVICE BUREAU SERVICE
31 Wellington Street, WC2 7QH
379 6841

THE PECKHAM SOCIETY
Chairman: Bob Smyth, 54 King's Grove,
SE15 (732 6984)
Secretary: Fiona Ross, 70 Asylum Road,
SE15 (639 5031)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PACK

The National Council of Social Service has produced a Youth Unemployment Pack which brings together relevant material from a wide variety of services to help young people who are unemployed with the intention of focusing their attention on areas where help is available. The Pack is aimed at all those involved in giving help and advice to young people — teachers, social workers, careers officers, youth and community workers etc.

The Youth Unemployment Pack is available from the NCSS, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU price 50p (inc postage).

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VOLUNTARY SERVICES UNIT

Grants made by the government to voluntary organisations through the Voluntary Services Unit are

	1974-75*	1975-76
	£	£
Young Volunteer Force Foundation	186,282	238,000
Volunteer Centre	49,411	119,000
Pre-Retirement Association	14,000	17,000
National Youth Bureau - Voluntary Oppor-		
tunities Digest	750	1,650
Cruse Clubs Limited	23,000	23,000
Westminster Pastoral Foundation	20,000	23,000
Child Poverty Action Group	10,000	10,000
Young Volunteer Resource Module	12,500	19,850
Gaddum Centre	7,000	
Checks Right Centre	2,400	2,400
Outset	4,000	6,000
Community Services Volunteers	22,000	96,250
NACRO	22,500	34,750
The Cresset	40,000	30,000
Welsh Council of Social Service	13,656	26,344
Romany Guild	1,020	1,750
British Council for Aid to Refugees	27,000	28,000
Fair Play for Children Campaign	10,500	17,550
City Poverty Committee	2,500	
SHAKA	7,000	3,000
Albany Trust	10,000	10,000
National Playing Fields Association	12,000	35,000
Action Resource Centre	9,000	6,000
Princedale Trust	10,000	20,000
Gingerbread	13,500	13,500
National Elfrida Rathbone Society	2,125	9,425
Contact	1,750	7,000
British Association of Settlements	1,250	9,250
BAS Adult Literacy Organiser	-	14,500
Wandsworth Council for Community Relations	1,000	4,000
Community Transport	4,000	17,500
Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association	-	24,000
Melting Pot Foundation	-	24,000
Toynbee Hall	25,000	
After Six Housing Advisory Trust	-	10,000
Handicapped Adventure Playground Association	-	22,000
Family First Trust	-	8,000
Girls Alone in London Service	-	5,000
West End Co-Ordinated Voluntary Services	-	44,000
National Association of Widows	-	3,500
Ugandan Evacuees Resettlement Advisory Trust	-	500
NCSS/Metropolitan Counties	-	40,000
Nat Association of Community Relations Cls	-	3,400
Central Council for the Disabled	-	8,000
British Council of Churches	-	9,750
National Association of Indian Youth	-	10,000
Runnymede Trust	-	3,500
SPEAK	-	1,000
Total Committed on 5 November 1975	565,145	1,060,369

*Actual expenditure in 1974-75

We are indebted to the National Council of Social Service and to the London Council of Social Service for some of the items which appear in this Newsletter.

Grant-in-aid applications settled by the Voluntary Services Unit

Board of Social Responsibility	4,000	4,000
British Association of Settlements	8,000	+
National Council of Social Service	251,800	312,425
Volunteer Bureau Development Officer		
(Grant expires December 1975)	4,500	3,375

Total 268,300 319,800

+See grants

URBAN AID PROGRAMME

YOU ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMITTING ALL APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN AID BY THE DEADLINE DATE.

You are also reminded that if you are at present in receipt of Urban Aid and wish your programme to continue it is wise to begin negotiations for the extension of the grant period in plenty of time before the date for the ending of your present grant.

TWO DATES

15th January 1976

Half day Conference on Local Authority Finance at St Pancras Church House, Lancing Street, NW1 from 1.30 - 6.00 pm. Organised jointly by the London Neighbourhood Workers Group and the Association of Community Workers (Politics & Power Interest Group). It is hoped to discuss the Layfield Report.

22nd January 1976

Study Day organised by the Department of Social Planning and Community Work of the LCSS on Housing Co-operatives: The Role of the Community Worker.

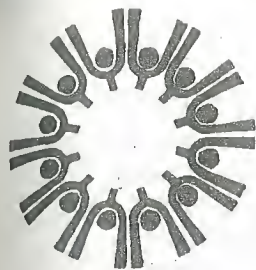
At St Pancras Church House, Lancing Street, NW1 from 10.15 am - 4.30 pm. Fee: £1 (inclusive of coffee and tea only). For full details and application forms apply to LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR (388 0241).

SHOPPING SERVICE FOR THE HOUSEBOUND - Experimental Project in Westminster

AGE CONCERN, Westminster, has received money to carry out an experimental project using one of their minibuses. The idea is for the vehicle to service two areas as a mobile shop for the housebound. The scheme has received the backing of the Home Help Organiser and the two areas chosen are ones which are far from the shops and which have a high concentration of elderly people. The preparation and storage of goods will be carried on at a Day Centre and all the work (apart from the driving) will be done by volunteers.

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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS

INFORMATION/ADVICE/COUNSELLING; SPECIAL OFFER!!!

The new Information and Advice Centre at 29 Lordship Lane which is sponsored jointly by the GLC and the LB of Southwark, has plenty of room. It also has sponsors who are keen that it should be used to the fullest extent to provide a real multi-disciplinary Centre for the people of the borough.

Final decisions about the allotment of space in the Centre will not be able to be made until the result of the Urban Aid application for a Law Centre in the borough is known. If the application succeeds, it will be necessary to allocate quite a large proportion of the available space to the staff who will run the Law Centre; if the application fails, there will be much more room available.

Whatever the outcome, the Centre hopes to accommodate as many advice and counselling services as may wish to make use of the facilities. The Centre will be furnished and supplied with basic equipment by the GLC and those people who wish to make use of it will be accommodated free, though there will probably be a charge made for the use of the Committee area and some kind of tariff for the telephone.

Any agency which feels that it could usefully take up the offer made by the GLC and the LB of Southwark and make use of the premises, perhaps on a sessional basis, is asked to get in touch with Mr John Cade, Town Clerk's Department, LB of Southwark or with the General Secretary of the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service at some time before 23rd March, 1976. This will allow time for the details of usage to be settled before the Centre opens early in May of this year.

CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION

At the last meeting of council members of the SCVS, held on the 11th December, 1975, it was agreed that if the efforts which were being made to set up facilitating machinery were to succeed it would be necessary to ask the LB of Southwark to give some definite commitment to the proposals, both in principle and in practice.

Since that meeting, the Executive Committee has authorised the Chairman and General Secretary to make a formal approach to the borough through the Chief Executive. This has now been done and it is anticipated that it will be possible to report back to members on the response from the borough when the SCVS meets again on the evening of 4th March, 1976.

This meeting will be a crucial one and it is hoped that as many of our member organisations as

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possible will make an effort to see that someone attends on their behalf, even if it is not their official, named representative. We shall be sending out invitations to the meeting in a short time but meanwhile please make a note of the date - 4th March at 7.30 pm.

Non-member organisations are also invited to attend and the greater the spread of people who can come the better pleased the SCVS will be.

Canon E W Southcott

It was with regret that the members of the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service learnt of the death of their first Chairman, Canon Southcott, formerly Provost of Southwark. Canon Southcott was one of the prime movers in getting the SCSS (as it then was) established and, as its Chairman, worked hard to further its aims. Since leaving the borough, Canon Southcott had kept up his connection with the SCVS by acting as one of its Vice-Presidents.

LOCAL MATTERS

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New Bail Procedures at Magistrates Courts

It is a matter of considerable concern that large numbers of defendants appearing at Magistrates' Courts are remanded in custody when with more information Magistrates may feel able to release some of them on bail. It is a fact that about half of those remanded in custody do not, in the end, receive custodial penalties and greater efforts might be made to avoid the damaging effects of unnecessary imprisonment.

The Inner London Probation & After-Care Service, with advice from the Vera Institute of Justice, New York, has been operating an experimental bail project at Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court since March 1975. This is concerned with presenting Magistrates with information verified wherever possible of the defendant's community ties.

In the pilot project, the work of interviewing defendants in the cells before Court and checking the information they give, often by telephone, but sometimes by visits to local addresses, have been undertaken by ancillary workers under the supervision of a senior probation officer.

The experience of this project has been sufficiently encouraging to suggest the expansion of the scheme gradually to other courts and this has been recommended by the Home Secretary. It is proposed that future projects should be staffed by volunteers, working on a rota basis with the general guidance of an experienced ancillary worker, responsible to the senior probation officer directing the project and to the volunteer's organiser.

Volunteers are required, with or without Court or social work experience, who are willing to make a commitment of at least one regular morning a six day week for six months. The hours will be approximately from 9.45 am to 1.00 pm daily. A short preparation programme is planned and those who are interested will be invited to apply for accreditation as voluntary associates. Following accreditation, volunteers will receive travelling expenses and can expect continuing support from the Service.

Volunteers will interview defendants in the cells below each Court, obtaining information regarding employment, accommodation, possible sureties, etc., and then check this information, largely by use of the telephone. It is then presented to the Court when the question of bail arises. There will be a daily team of about three volunteers, in addition to the ancillary worker, and it is hoped that members of the Project will work together as part of a group.

recruited and trained specifically for this purpose.

Regular training programmes (involving about three intensive three hour sessions) combined with working visits to the Camberwell Green pilot project will be in virtually continuous progress for at least the next six months and existing volunteers also meet informally at about three weekly intervals as a Group.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Diana Butt at 722 2046, preferably after 7.00 pm.

Southwark Association for Mental Health

New Social Club for the Isolated, Talbot House, Addington Square, SE5

Starting from Saturday, 21st February, the Southwark Association for Mental Health is sponsoring a new club for the isolated under the leadership of Mrs Maureen Du Four, who has been appointed Club Leader for one year. Members will only be accepted on the recommendation of a Psychiatrist, GP or Social Worker and application must be made in the first case to Mrs Julia Birley, Voluntary Help Organiser, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3 BX. It is hoped to open with not more than twelve members and to finish the year with not less than 30. Members will probably be aged between 20 and 60 and it is hoped to have a good balance of ages and sexes.

It is hoped that a varied programme to suit all tastes can be organised in consultation with the members, or, as numbers become larger, with a members' committee. A regular feature will be the provision of a light meal around 5.30 pm which members will help to buy, cook and clear up and towards which they will contribute perhaps 15p a head. Tea and coffee will be available at all times at about 2p a cup. Outings, socials, games or creative hobbies may be catered for as far as resources permit. The main object is that members should feel that they are meeting in a friendly atmosphere and that the Club is theirs.

From the Borough Council Minutes

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SERVING GREATFR LONDON 1976/77

The London Boroughs' Association have approved a list of voluntary organisations serving the needs of London as a whole and to whom the Greater London Council are empowered under the GLC (General Powers) Act 1970 to make grants on behalf of the London Borough Councils and to recover the total amount from these Councils on the basis of rateable values, provided that the total expenditure is agreed to by not less than three quarters of the number of the Boroughs.

The grants proposed in the capital year 1976/77 amount to £440,000 of which Southwark will contribute an estimated £11,080, compared with the payment of £10,024 for the year 1975/76.

In considering payments for 1976/77 the Association have borne in mind the constraints placed on Local Authority spending by Central Government and the need for careful re-appraisal of priorities and commitments. At the same time they have taken into account difficulties some voluntary organisations are currently facing because of price and salary increases and drops in the level of charitable income. The total approved grants to voluntary organisations for the current year was £398,000 and the increase in grants recommended for 1976/77 represents an increase of a little over 10%.

The LB of Southwark have informed the Association that provision will be made in their Revenue Estimates in accordance with this recommendation.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Blackfriars Neighbourhood and Family Counselling Service, the South London Family Service Unit and the King George VI Club have all received supplementary grants for the year 1975/76 in order to cover the costs of inflation and salary increases.

HOUSING STATISTICS

During the first half of 1975 Southwark started 434 dwellings and completed 445, which was the second highest number of completions among the London boroughs.

RATES OF DECLINE — An Unacceptable Base of Public Finance

Continuing the debate about public finance, the Southwark Community Development Project have produced a paper which is a shortened version of its evidence to the Layfield Committee on Local Government Finance.

GLIDE SWIMMING CLUB

This Club for handicapped swimmers meets from 8.30 - 10.00 pm at the Frobisher Institute, St Thomas' School, St Mary's Road, Peckham SE15. More helpers are needed — instructors, dressers and people to assist generally — so if you think you could help you are asked to get in touch with Diana Bailey or Bob Fenton at the Aylesbury Day Centre (703 7622)

Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children

The Gateway Club

This Club now meets at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road. Wednesdays from 7.00 — 9.30 pm. Enquiries to Mr H Connorton at 639 9136.

Monthly Meeting

23rd February 1976:
Speaker Miss Marion Kemble,
Organiser of Gateway Clubs, who will speak on the Development of the Gateway Movement and show a film on the subject.

GENERAL MATTERS

INFORMATION REQUESTED

The National Consumer Council is doing research into Council tenancy agreements (missives of let) and Rent Arrears in the public sector.

Tenancy agreements

The aim of the project is to analyse

agreements, showing how many unnecessary restrictions are placed on tenants; to propose that many of the restrictions should be removed and that Councils' obligations as landlords should be stated as well as tenants' responsibilities.

They are keen to hear the views of as many tenants' groups as possible before formulating any proposals. The NCC will attempt to get the proposals adopted through channels such as the Department of the Environment's Housing Management Advisor.

If you know of any tenants' associations who have tried to get the tenancy agreement changed or who have strong views about the conditions of tenancy you are asked to put them in touch with *Petra Griffiths, Shelter, 86 Strand, WC2 (836 2051).*

Rent arrears

The NCC has initiated a study into rent arrears in the Council sector. They are interested in finding out what kind of problems lead to arrears building up.

If you are in touch with any tenants' associations who might be willing to co-operate or if you have ideas as to what might be the best way of approaching tenants you are asked to contact

Helen Curtis, National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1H 9AA (930 5752)

GREATER LONDON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The need for an effective strategic housing authority for greater London is accepted by the Secretary of State for the Environment in his official statement on the Greater London Development Plan. The GLC is expected to perform this strategic role. Such an authority should concern itself with

the maintenance of complete statistics

ensuring the progress of new housing with sufficient land the co-ordination of measures for the tackling of necessary rehabilitation programmes, especially in priority areas

the London-wide co-ordination of public sector management and allocations

and the provision of homes outside London to help meet London's housing needs.

Another concern should be the production and keeping up to date of a realistic total housing programme for greater London. In this context, Mr Crosland's statement welcomes the publication of the GLC's consultation document 'A Strategic Housing Plan for London'.

The department considers that, so long as there is substantial shortage of housing in London, there is advantage in preventing any reduction in the total housing stock. Efforts should be made to restore property built for residential use to its original purpose. More generally, there is a continuing need for a substantial programme of rehabilitation and house-building. On this subject, significantly lower housing densities will in future be necessary for families with children, normally in the lower part of the range between 70 and 100 habitable rooms per acre. Another part of a comprehensive housing policy should be the movement of Londoners to new and expanding towns: the statement suggests a commitment to maintain the present rate of movement, although this will need to be kept under review.

The general objectives for employment policies, as set out in the Greater London Development Plan, are accepted by the Department of the Environment, and are reduction of congestion in inner areas by locating new employment close to suitable transport facilities, by designating strategic centres that will relieve the strain on the older urban core, and by stating preferred locations for office and industrial employment. Although the DoE intends to keep the industrial development certificate system, it feels the employment situation must be carefully monitored, especially in inner London. Office development should be encouraged to disperse away from central London.

The statement welcomes the GLC's steps to develop a balanced transport policy with emphasis on public transport and the restraint of road traffic. There will be less need for new road building than proposed in the original plan, but some may still be necessary.

The Department of the Environment's proposed modifications to the plan have been notified to the GLC, which has been asked to publish them for public comment. The DoE will then consider how much of the plan can be formally approved.

The original Greater London Development was submitted to the department by the GLC in 1969. The report of the Layfield Panel's enquiry into the plan was submitted in December 1972.

In reply to the statement by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Sir Reg Goodwin, leader of the GLC, said that the most contentious section was that dealing with transport. He cited the Secretary of State's view that there was a need for better orbital movement around the centre and further out in the suburbs, and the reference to possible road construction. He said that the GLC was firmly against any road scheme that did not meet the council's tests of what was environmentally acceptable.

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Sir Reg regretted that the DoE statement did not contain a firm commitment to give the GLC proper strategic housing powers. He also stressed the need for government financial backing for the Docklands redevelopment and the need to stimulate London's industrial development.

VOLUNTARY ACTION THROUGH TELEVISION

Community Service Volunteers & the Volunteer Centre in association with the Independent Broadcasting Authority are sponsoring a Conference on Voluntary Action through Television at The Waterloo Room, Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February. The cost will be £5.00. The Conference will be considering such issues as 'Does Voluntary Action make good television?'; 'Can voluntary organisations at a local level cope with such potentially massive numbers of volunteers?' etc. Participants will have the opportunity to see extracts from existing programmes and hear from the producers, researchers, co-ordinators and voluntary organisations involved.

Applications should be made as soon as possible to Community Service Volunteers, 237 Pentonville Road, N1.

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

The Training Advisory Service of the LCSS has now issued a list of courses of interest to volunteers and professional workers in the field of social work and welfare covering the Spring and Summer of 1976. The list is available from the LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, Nw1 1JR price 30p.

LCSS Department of Social Planning and Community Work

Community Workers' Forum

24th February: 10.15 am: 54 Chalton St.
John Benington, ex Director, Coventry CDP
"Community Work: Large Hopes, Small Gains"

The ILEA and the SCVS are sponsoring another

Pre-Retirement Course

at the Goodrich Road Annex of the Dulwich Adult Education Institute for six sessions from 26th February, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Thursday 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Fee £1.20 (payable to the ILEA).

A practical Workshop on Play Needs of the Handicapped Child will be held at the Children & Youth Action Group, Victoria Chambers, 16/20 Strutton Ground, SW1 (222 0261) on Friday, 27th February (50p) and Saturday, 28th February (£1.00). Applications and enquiries to Janet Dalglish, Leisure Centre, 225 Walworth Road, SE17 (701 2611).

UNIONISATION OF OUTWORKERS

Community workers in Newham, Tower Hamlets and Hackney are planning, with the appropriate trade unions, a campaign to organise homeworkers (outworkers) in East London. They plan to begin by distributing a leaflet in various languages which explains how the system operates to the employers' advantage, shows how to calculate net earnings, outlines Wages inspectorate protection and suggests a number of things homeworkers can do to improve their situation. Anyone interested should be in touch with Peter Morris, Canning Town CDP, 57 Barking Road, E16 (511 0931).

Sponsored Walk

The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children (Metropolitan Region) is, for the third time running, arranging a sponsored walk at Lord's Cricket Ground. This will take place on Sunday, 21st March from 10.00 am - 6.00 pm and they are looking for both sponsors and walkers. Sponsor forms and full details may be obtained from Doreen Flint, Regional Officer, 5 Coventry Street, W1 (437 4538).

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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

TWO REMINDERS

COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MEETING

Members of the full Council will be meeting, together with any other interested persons at 7.30 pm on the evening of Thursday, 4th March at the Peckham Library Hall, when it is hoped to take the discussion of proposals put forward by the Executive Committee further and also to report on the response which may have come from the borough.

COMBINED GLC/LBS ADVICE CENTRE IN LORDSHIP LANE

Organisations are referred to the invitation which was published in the last issue of this Newsletter regarding the use of the new Lordship Lane Advice Centre. Will anyone who has not yet done so please get in touch with Mr John Cade, Town Clerk's Department, LB of Southwark of the General Secretary of SCVS if they are interested in taking advantage of the offer of the use of the Advice Centre which has been made by the GLC and the LB of Southwark.

GOOD NEWS FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Greenhouse 75 which reports on the activities of the Greenhouse Trust contains the good news that they have now managed to buy Comber Hall, a small cottage and Baptist Church near Camberwell Green, and will be able to expand their work into it. Meanwhile, the future of St Mark's Church is very uncertain. Their previous tenants moved north and an almost certain purchaser decided not to buy when the sale had virtually been agreed.

AGE CONCERN, SOUTHWARK - NEW ORGANISER FOR VOLUNTARY VISITORS

Age Concern have been reorganising and revitalising their Voluntary Visiting Service and have appointed *Mrs Thelma Twitchin* to take on the task of recruiting and selecting volunteers, assessing the needs of those to be visited and matching volunteers to visits. Anyone interested, especially potential voluntary visitors from the north of the borough, should contact Mrs Twitchin on 703 6106.

HOLIDAYS

Age Concern have again been offered a few free holiday places by the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged. The holiday will be in April at Ilfracombe. Places will be given only to the active elderly over 70 years of age who have not had any holiday at all for some time.

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'POP-IN' PARLOURS FOR THE ELDERLY

The Social Services Department have expressed interest in the possibility of establishing a 'Pop-In' parlour in Southwark and are discussing the use of a site in the Rye Lane area. A Group comprising two Community workers, the Organising Secretary of Age Concern and others from agencies working with the elderly are looking at the problems of establishing and running such a centre.

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Any such Centre would need a Management Committee, which could include representatives from Social Services, Age Concern and other groups working with the elderly but the long-term aim would be for a group of pensioners to manage the 'Pop-In' and develop its use. Finance is the critical problem; while the project is a low cost one, even a small amount of money is difficult to find.

It is unlikely that, even with a site having been found, the project could begin before the summer but meanwhile groups or individuals who have ideas on how they could help are asked to get in touch with the Organising Secretary at Age Concern, 33 Peckham Road, SE5 [703 6105].

GENERAL MATTERS

The information in the following two items comes from the Director of the National Council of Social Service but is of some importance to many people who are not affiliated directly to them.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF UNINCORPORATED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

In response to a number of enquiries which have been received by the National Council of Social Service as a direct result of the publicity given to a case in Norfolk, the following notes are issued as a general guide to individuals serving on the Management Committees of unincorporated voluntary organisations such as Village Halls, County Community Councils, Councils for Voluntary Service, Community Associations and the like, i.e. organisations which are Charities (whether registered with the Charity Commissioners or not) in the legal sense. Such Committee Members, being the persons having the general control and management of the administration of the Charity, will be technically the "Charity Trustees" within the meaning of the Charities Act 1960, and as such will be subject to the requirements of the law relating to Trustees generally.

At the same time it cannot be emphasised too strongly that although the Norfolk case has, understandably, given rise to considerable anxiety amongst those responsible for the management of voluntary organisations, the unofficial reports available to this Council suggest that the facts in that case were special. Thus, if, for example, a Committee Member gives a *personal* guarantee for the fulfilment of a contract entered into on behalf of the organisation, he or she will be *personally* liable on that contract to the limit of his or her own private resources, though Court Proceedings are normally only instituted as a last resort and after months – sometimes years – of prior negotiation and correspondence. These notes must, therefore, be read in the light of the above preliminary observations.

1. In every case the powers and duties of the Committee Members as set out in the relevant Constitution must be carefully borne in mind.
2. Every Committee Member must take as much

care in his or her business dealings on behalf of the Charity as would a reasonable man or woman in the case of his or her own personal business matters. This means that Committee Members must act rationally, sensibly and carefully. They should not concur in any contract or other liability unless they are reasonably sure that the Charity will have adequate funds to meet any payment due from it.

3. In practice, one of the main problems from the Committee Members' point of view, is likely to be that of proving that they have at all times acted responsibly. It is, therefore, vital that [a] proper minutes and records of all decisions and transactions are kept, and [b] notice (preferably written) is given at the time of any particular transaction to the supplier of the goods and/or services in question to the effect that the arrangements are being entered into on behalf of the Charity and not by the Committee member(s) personally.
4. By taking the precautions outlined above, Committee Members should reduce the risk of individual personal liability, though the strict legal position is, broadly, as follows: –

- [a] Committee Members are collectively and individually personally liable on all Contracts entered into on behalf of a Charity (and on all covenants given in a Deed to which they are parties).
- [b] Whilst a Committee Member who has acted in accordance with the relevant trusts has a right of indemnity from his Charity (though only, of course, up to the limit of the property actually owned by the Charity, and any deficit may, therefore, have to be made up by the Member of Members out of their own pocket), the supplier of goods or services with whom he has dealt is entitled to treat him as the person responsible for carrying out the relevant obligations. Moreover, a Member cannot avoid ultimate responsibility by delegating power to others, for example, to the Secretary or other officer(s) of the Charity.
- [c] Although Charity Trustees may generally act by a majority decision (in contrast to Private Trustees), a dissenting minority will not escape responsibility unless they have at all material times actively and publicly disassociated themselves from the relevant decision.
- [d] Where the question at issue is an internal one between a Committee Member or Members and the Charity itself, the Member(s)' personal liability towards the Charity may be limited to the amount of the Charity's property passing through his hands.

It must, however, be clearly understood that no note is capable of covering all cases, each of which in the last analysis has to be dealt with on its own facts. Committee Members are, therefore, strongly recommended to consult their professional advisers in relation to any particular problem.

[Note prepared by the Legal Department of the National Council of Social Service].

REGULATIONS AFFECTING USE AND LICENSING OF MINIBUSES.

HIRE OR REWARD

Problems experienced as a result of restrictions contained in section 118 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 are still proving to be the cause of most difficulties. In reply to one such question asked about this section by Mr. Peter Emery (MP for Honiton), the Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr. Kenneth Marks, stated:

"that where there was demonstrably no payment in consideration of a person's being given a right to be carried, the making of a payment in respect of other matters would not involve payment for hire or reward. I illustrate this by the example of a group of old people being taken to the theatre. If all they paid for was the theatre tickets, in the Department's view that would not be operation for hire or reward. I cannot assure the Hon. Gentleman that if the theatre ticket cost 75p and the buyers were charged 90p it would not then be operation for hire or reward. It is slightly more difficult in the case of a holiday trip, but even there I should imagine that the means of financing the cost of carriage could be organised".

It should be noted, however, that the Under-Secretary qualified his statement by indicating that it was for the courts to give an authoritative ruling on these matters. However, neither the Legal Officer of the National Council nor the counsel consulted by other organisations would corroborate this interpretation given by the Department of the Environment.

I must, therefore, advise you that in the absence of a test case in the law courts where a definitive ruling could be given, that being aware of the two opposing viewpoints, *you must now decide for yourself* the interpretation which you are prepared to accept. The National Council will continue to seek clarification on this matter and should the position substantially change, I will inform you accordingly.

In any case, I would suggest that for reasons of safety, if it is possible for you to obtain Public Service Vehicle licences for both drivers and vehicles, then you should do so. We have ascertained that it is much easier for a driver to obtain a PSV licence than previously thought because there seems to be very little difference between the PSV test and an ordinary car driving test. The examination fee is 27½p approximately, and the test is taken in your own minibus. However, licensing the minibus itself is considerably more complex. I strongly advise you to consult your local Traffic Commissioners on both of these points.

I also suggest that for insurance purposes you obtain written confirmation of the validity of your insurance policies. The advice given by Messrs. Sedgewick Forbes U.K. Ltd — insurance brokers — at the recent National Association of Youth Clubs consultation on minibuses was that:

1. all insurance negotiations should be conducted through a reputable broker
2. all facts concerning the use of your vehicle and its operation should be conveyed to the broker concerned.
3. the insurance company used by your broker should accept all the operational points you have shared with him.

Messrs. Sedgewick Forbes also advised that incorrect licences for vehicles could invalidate insurance cover.

EEC REGULATION 543/69

The other problem concerning licensing was contained in the EEC regulation. In a written reply to a Parliamentary question on 9 December 1975 from Mr. Nigel Spearing (Newham South) the Minister for Transport, Dr. John Gilbert, stated

that:

"EEC Regulation 453/69 applies to passenger vehicles which are suitable for carrying more than 9 persons, including the driver, except where the vehicle is used on regular services on a route not exceeding 50 kilometres, or is a service vehicle used by a public authority, or a vehicle used for the carriage of sick or injured persons. It requires that drivers must be 21 years of age and hold a certificate of professional competence; and lays down drivers' hours, rest periods, and record-keeping obligations. The Regulation is due to come into operation on 1 January 1976 for UK internal journeys. It has been in force for international journeys since April 1973.

"I propose to recognise an ordinary driving licence for a motor car as proof of competence for the purpose of Article 5.2(c) of the Regulation. A driver who has, or is entitled to hold, a motor car licence on 1 January 1976, will be entitled to drive a minibus with not more than 15 persons inclusive of the driver, even if he is under 21. The EEC age limit will apply to licences issued after 1 January. I would like to emphasise that a public service vehicle driver's licence will not be required to drive a minibus, unless it is being operated for hire or reward under the Road Traffic Act 1960.

"I have asked for a two year deferment of the application of the Regulation to internal journeys. Moreover, I am currently seeking exemption for private minibuses for all the provisions of the Regulation.

"In order to lessen the adverse effects of the Regulation on commercial vehicles, I am also pressing for amendments to the drivers' hours provisions. However, I would advise drivers going to EEC countries to observe the EEC drivers' hours, and record their driving time in log books."

The Minister has since announced that he has obtained a deferment of the introduction of these regulations in this country for a period of six months commencing 1 January 1976 instead of the two years for which he applied.

FUTURE ACTION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Although a change in the Road Traffic Act 1960 that would assist voluntary organisations to operate their minibuses without restrictive regulations would seem an obvious solution, the Department of the Environment have indicated that they are "by no means convinced that this should be the case In view of the complexity of the issue and its very wide implications we must examine the whole position carefully before suggesting possible solutions".

The National Council of Social Service is, therefore, joining with the National Council for Voluntary Youth Service and the National Association of Youth Clubs to set up a working group to monitor the effect these restrictions are having on voluntary organisations, and to present their findings and recommendations for action to the Department of the Environment. We would, therefore, welcome information from voluntary organisations whose activities are being restricted by, in particular, the 'Hire or Reward' section of the Road Traffic Act. Please send this information to the Assistant Administrator, Miss Maureen Brown at 26 Bedford Square, London WC1 3HU.

LOCAL MATTERS

ENGLISH TUITION FOR IMMIGRANTS' TRUST

Cambridge House and Talbot Settlement started the Cambridge House Language Scheme and has housed and administered it since 1967. It has been decided that the Language Scheme should become a separate organisation as is the traditional policy for schemes thought to be capable of an independent existence.

Therefore, the Cambridge House Language Scheme has been superseded by

the establishment of "English Tuition for Immigrants' Trust". The initial work of the Trust will be based on the experience gained by staff with the original Scheme and on the evaluation of past work by tutors and students.

Although there is general publicity for the range of statutory provision for teaching English Language to adult immigrants, it cannot always be understood by those who have difficulty with both spoken and written English.

The Trust will increase the publicity available directly to adult immigrants.

The majority of adult immigrants who seek help with their English Language problems are referred, through necessity, by their personal friends and relations, or through officers of Community Relations Committees Welfare and Social Services, Housing, Libraries, Employments, CABs, Voluntary Agencies and doctors, nurses and administrative staff of hospitals, clinics and general practices.

The Trust will provide detailed, up-to-date information on local provision of English Language Tuition.

Once they have the necessary information some immigrants can join, without further help, a local group or class if it is available. The majority need further encouragement and guidance which can be provided by volunteers who by visiting immigrants, build up their confidence and maintain their initial motivation to learn.

The Trust will recruit and train a body of local volunteers who will undertake this social visiting role.

There is a small percentage of physically, mentally and socially handicapped immigrants who need to be taught in their own homes.

The Trust will recruit and train a number of specialised voluntary tutors who will teach in the home.

Immigrant women who have pre-school children need day-time provision for tuition. They are especially keen to join

a group where there is an organised play-group available.

The Trust aims to help increase this essential provision for what is an important group of the adult immigrant community.

In those areas where suitable statutory provision is not yet available, tuition groups can be started and taught.

The Trust can establish these groups which can then be absorbed should the statutory services feel this necessary.

Classes of adult immigrants usually cover a wide range of previous formal education and knowledge of spoken and written English. It can be advantageous for the teacher responsible for such a class to have trained voluntary tutors as aids in order that individual students can receive the maximum help with their individual English Language problem.

The Trust will train and maintain a small group of volunteers who are interested and willing to teach in such a class should this be requested.

*English Tuition for Immigrants' Trust,
31 Clapham Road, SW9 0JD [582 7078]*

SOME DATES

Annual General Meeting
Southwark Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain
8.00 pm on 30th March 1976 at Clemance Hall
Annual General Meeting
Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children

7.30 pm on 29th March 1976 at Havil Street Hall, Havil Street, Peckham Road, SE5.

EMPLOYMENT & PLANNING
A Saturday School. Goldsmiths' College,
2.30 - 6.30 pm 27th March 1976
Admission by ticket 60p.

Age Concern Greater London
Workshop on Neighbourhood Care
24th & 25th March at Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Butcher Row, E14.
Fee: £2 (for Age Concern/OPW participants)
£3 (others)

Annual General Meeting
Southwark Social Workers' Lunch Club
29th April 1976:

COURSES AT MORLEY COLLEGE

During the summer term (26th April/3rd July) the following daytime courses will be run:-

Play with a Purpose: The School-age Child
Understanding Homelessness
How Children Learn to Read
An Approach to the Care of the Mentally Ill
Exploring the Social Services

Evening classes in the same period include:-

Resources in the Community
Literacy Tutors' Course
Black Culture - The Creative Arts
Role and Awareness
Small is Beautiful
Marriage in a Changing World
A Mind of Your Own
Understanding Deafness
Using Video in a Community Project

Courses in July include:-

Books for Children
Laing versus Eysenck
Child Development Films

There will also be a one-day conference
Crisis in the Inner City
on 15th May and a two-day intensive
Welfare Rights Workshop
on 19th/20th July.

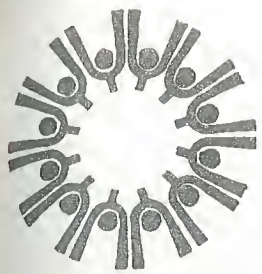
Full details may be obtained from the Tutor in Social and Community Studies, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HT [928 8501]

BANKSIDE GLOBE PLAYHOUSE - FILM PROGRAMME 1976

In the autumn and winter 1974/75, the Bankside Globe Playhouse organised a series of film shows hospitals, homes, schools and other institutions throughout Greater London. They are happy to announce that they are repeating the venture in 1976. Institutions can choose from a suggested list of films or can ask for a film not listed, depending on its availability or cost. The Tour sets up the entire programme, including projector, projectionist and screen, as long as a screening room is provided. The average cost of a film show is about £25/£35, depending upon the rental cost of the particular film shown. Where it is not possible for the organisation wishing to have a show to pay the fee, they request a contribution towards the cost of what they can afford from their budget. The purpose of the Programme is to enable those who can't normally get away to see a film by bringing the film to them.
Anyone interested should contact Eric Honig [928 4229] at Bankside Globe Playhouse, 40 Bankside, Liberty of the Clink, SE1.

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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

Co-Ordination and Co-Operation

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have gone a little further along the road towards setting up the co-ordinating system between the voluntary agencies and the policy-making groups of the local authority. A further meeting of SCVS members and other interested parties was held on 4th March and was attended by between 50 and 60 people from various organisations, many of which had not previously been involved. Progress is bound to be slow but it was with great pleasure that we were able to announce at this meeting that we had gained approval from the Job Creation Programme for the employment of two more members of staff to enable us to carry out the work of seeking out the various organisations in the borough and bringing them together.

It is hard to put labels on people carrying out work of this kind, for the reason that defining exactly what they are doing for us is impossible, but, for the purpose of identification only, one has been designated Liaison Officer and will undertake the task of going out from the office and doing the field work, setting up meetings etc., while the other, called the Information/Clerical Officer, will provide the base support needed.

At the time of writing we have several good candidates for the first post but none for the second. We are hoping that somewhere there is a trained clerical worker of over 50 who would find the task of building up the information storage and retrieval system interesting and challenging. The only two provisos are that the person concerned must be currently unemployed (to comply with the requirements of the Job Creation Scheme) and must be able and willing to undertake some typing (to comply with our needs).

The Executive Committee is most anxious that the impetus forward should not be lost and for this reason is planning to put a good deal of effort into the setting up of the Interest Groups over the next few months, probably with a concentration of activity in the months of June and July. We shall be meeting with officers of the borough to discuss the timing of our plans; the aim is that both the local authority and the voluntary agencies should make related progress and arrive at a measure of agreement at the right time.

SCVS DIRECTORY - 1976 Edition

We must apologise to those people who enquired earlier about the new edition of the Directory of Social Services in the LB of Southwark. We sincerely believed that it would be printed and published before now but there was a considerable delay in receiving our material back from the typesetter, with the result

that we have been overtaken by events and are having to make a good many corrections to the Directory as set up before we hand it over to the printer. It has also proved necessary to compile a totally new index, which has taken time. We hope that we are now within reasonable distance of getting our material to the printers and bringing out the new edition.

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URBAN AID PROGRAMME — Phase 14

We have now been informed that the Home Office has approved the projects listed below which were submitted to them by the LB of Southwark under the Urban Aid Programme — Phase 14.

Capital Projects

The Peckham Settlement — Residential & Counselling Project - New Hostel

East Dulwich Adventure Playground

Non-capital Projects

Pembroke House Youth Club Committee - Club for Adults & Under 5s

Advice Centre in the Blue

Neighbourhood Law Centre

Industrial Building Preservation Trust - Community Workshop and

Community Service Volunteers

The Ockenden Venture — Intermediate Treatment Centre

North Peckham Children's Recreational Centre

Talbot Toy Library Minibus

Totalled together, these projects represent a sizeable amount of money and in his covering letter of 30/10/75 to the Home Office Mr A J Allen, Deputy Town Clerk, said "*The Council is prepared only to finance schemes the total gross cost of which does not exceed £38,000 continuing revenue expenditure, including loan repayments, and £25,000 non-recurrent expenditure to be met from revenue (ie Southwark's Contribution would be 25% of these amounts.)*"

We are therefore faced this year with a wholly unfamiliar situation in that the Home Office has picked out a number of projects from the borough as being worthy of support but the restraints on the local authority are such that only a small proportion of these will attract grant-aid. It is clear that members and officers will have to look closely at all the proposals before making their final decisions; we hope that these will be wise ones but some disappointment will be inevitable.

LOCAL MATTERS

Local Group of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship

Anyone trying to cope with a schizophrenic relative is invited to join the local group of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship by contacting Mrs J Robertson (701 1655). The Fellowship takes a particular interest in the field of social and family after-care for schizophrenic patients and through it many relatives are being brought together in local groups and are finding that out of their shared experience they can give each other a considerable measure of support and mutual companionship. The groups help relatives to learn more about the illness and how to cope with the problems it causes; they are also helping to create a greater awareness of such problems among the general public.

An offer from Lambeth Hospital

The Childrens' Ward at Lambeth Hospital uses a large number of four ounce glass babyfood jars every week. These are thrown away as rubbish but the ward is offering them to any voluntary organisation which feels it could use them. The nursing staff will keep the lids if they are required. Anyone who has a use for such jars is asked to get in touch with the Voluntary Help Organiser, Lambeth Hospital, Brook Drive, SE11 4TH (735 8141 X 231).

Continuation of Component parts of the Community Development Project in Newington

The Community Development Project in Newington comes to an end on 31st March 1976 and discussions have been going on for some time about the fate of various parts of the projects. The Research element, which is now being carried out by the Polytechnic of the South Bank, will continue beyond the closing date and of those parts of the project which will continue under the supervision of the local authority it is now possible to say that provisional arrangements have been made for them under the following Committees:-

Social Services Committee

Elderly Visiting Scheme

Penrose Mothers & Toddlers Group

Toy Library

Libraries & Amenities Committee

Education/Recreation Organiser

General Purposes & Finance Committee (multidisciplinary team)

Over 60s Employment Bureau

Community Lawyer

Information & Advice Service

Needs for the Elderly Worker

Community Worker

General running costs including clerical assistants

COMINGS & GOINGS

Age Concern, Greater London has appointed Denise Murphy as Development Officer. One of her immediate tasks will be to work in collaboration with Age Concern, Southwark to develop the work in North Southwark.

Alan Davies, Team Leader of the Community Development Project hands over on 31st March. Mr Davis has become a familiar figure in the borough and we wish him well in the future.

Elsbeth Kyle, formerly Secretary of the Camberwell Council on Alcoholism, is now working as Development Officer for Volunteer Bureaux, based at the Volunteer Centre, Berkhamsstead. Miss Kyle gave a good deal of time to the SCVS and the Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services and her contribution was a lively one.

The new borough treasurer is Mr Gerald Corless, IPFA, formerly Assistant Director of Finance in the LB of Croydon. He has worked in local government since 1962 and was a member of the two man team which prepared the evidence submitted by the London Boroughs Association to the Layfield Committee.

Mr P O Miles is to be the new Employment Officer in the borough development department. His duties will involve the development and implementation of a policy to attract industry and commercial concerns to the borough, creating new employment.

CLUBLAND

The Trustees of Clubland are now making their premises available for use during the day by organisations other than their own. They have wide facilities and would be willing to discuss the use of them with anyone who is interested. You are advised to get in touch with Mr George E Jackson, Methodist International House, 4 Inverness Terrace, W2 3HY [229 5101].

GENERAL MATTERS

AGE ACTION YEAR & AGED ACTION FUND

A charity known as "Aged Action Fund" whose trustees are members of a single family and whose general secretary is a Mr E A James, intends to make collections on a national scale in 1976. This charity ie "Aged Action Fund" has no connection with "Age Action Year", nor with the "Age Action Trust" nor with the Lord Mayor of London's appeal.

Age Action Year Film

The Age Action Year film, which has been made for them by Opix Films, is called "Young on the Inside". The title is taken from a quotation in the book "Grandmas & Grandpas" which reads "A Grandma is old on the outside and young on the inside"...the words of John Wright, aged 7½. The film may be booked through Golden Films Library of Windsor and is free of hiring charge though return postage has to be paid. Age Action suggest that people showing the film take up a collection from which a donation to the Appeal could be sent for at least £2.00 to cover the handling fee.

Free Legal Advice Centre for the Handicapped, Disabled and their Parents

NETWORK-WEST CENTRAL is a free legal advice centre for the disabled and handicapped and their parents. It was formed by various action groups in an attempt to clarify the legal rights and obligations which exist within present legislation and to give a practical guide to the implementation of those laws.

Specialised help is given on aspects of Social Security including

- Attendance allowance
- New Mobility allowance
- Dietary & Heating allowance
- Special Need Allowance
- Social Services Benefits under the Chronically Sick & Disabled Act
- Patients' Rights
- Mobility problems including bus passes and the P70
- Rights to elective surgery or protection therefrom
- Consumer rights
- Wills, Trusts & Settlements
- Charity law etc.
- Educational problems

The centre is open to any person, parent or guardian who falls within the categories catered for under the Mental Health Act and the Chronic-

ally Sick & Disabled Persons Act and to any organisations directly involved in these fields.

All legal problems are dealt with by Solicitors and Barristers in attendance at the centre and other advisors deal with general matters.

The Centre opens on alternate Thursdays from 7.30 - 10.00 pm at 23 Hands Court, off High Holborn. Appointments should be made through Helen Berent 504 3001.

CHARITIES AND SECTION 41 OF THE FINANCE ACT 1975

Following representations to the Board of Inland Revenue, the Chairman of the NCSS, Sir Philip Allen, has now had an assurance that interest-free loans to charities will not be subject to capital transfer tax. In a letter to Sir Philip Allen, the Chairman of the Board, Sir Norman Price, said:

"...under the provisions as they now stand any such loan would be potentially liable to capital transfer tax when Section 41 comes into force on April 6 this year. This is because an interest-free loan is not covered by the provisions for exemption in Schedule 6. But, during last year's Finance Bill debates Treasury Ministers made it clear that Section 41 would be substantially revised and you can be assured that the need to exempt interest-free loans to charities will be dealt with."

London Council on Alcoholism

The London Council on Alcoholism which for the first months of its existence worked from the National Council on Alcoholism has now moved to its own offices at 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR (387 2191/387 2214).

The council's aims are

To help co-ordinate existing and emerging facilities on alcoholism in the London boroughs

to encourage and assist the development of services in those parts of London where none exist

to provide an information/advice/referral service and counselling facilities

to educate the public about alcoholism and to help train people wishing to work with alcoholics or problem drinkers and their families

The chairman of the London Council on Alcoholism is Dr A D C S Cameron and the director is Marie-Louise Meyer.

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Catholic Commission for Racial Justice

1 Cambridge Terrace, NW1 4JL 935 0568

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1 Cambridge Terrace, NW1 4JL 487 4431
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Commonwealth Students' Children Society

4 Cambridge Terrace, NW1 4JL 487 3444

Harmony

64 Ashbourne Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2BE

Rainer Foundation

89a Blackheath Hill, SE10 8TJ 691 3654

National Playing Fields Association

25 Ovington Square, SW3

Rape Crisis Centre

66 York Way, N1 837 4194

UK Immigrants Advisory Service

7th Floor, Brettenham House, Savoy Street, WC2 240 5176

West-end Co-ordinated Voluntary Services

57 Chalton Street, NW1 1BA 387 3842

Action on Smoking and Health

Margaret Pyke House, 27/35 Mortimer Street, W1 637 9843

National Women's Aid Federation

51 Chalcot Road, NW1 586 0104

We are indebted to the information services of the National Council of Social Service and the London Council of Social Service for some of the items, which appear in this Newsletter.

INFORMATION & ADVICE STUDIES

The postgraduate diploma in information and advice studies which was introduced last year at the NE London Polytechnic is to be offered again in the coming academic year. On this occasion the course will take place on one day a week throughout four and a half terms. It was felt that in the present economic climate it might be difficult for participants to obtain secondment for two days a week.

The course is open to people engaged in information and advice giving in voluntary and statutory agencies. Applicants should normally have degrees or professional qualifications but places may be available for mature people without qualifications who have relevant experience and who can satisfy the polytechnic of their ability to undertake the course. Voluntary as well as paid workers are eligible to apply.

Subject included in this multi-disciplinary inter-faculty course are social law, social administration, sociology, principles and practice of interviewing, and a four-week placement in an advice-giving agency. The course tutor is Dr Jean Donnison.

Applications for places should be made as soon as possible. Information and application forms are available from Miss S Millward, Faculty Registrar, Reference CP 150, NE London Polytechnic, Livingstone House, Livingstone Road, E 15 2LL [534 0417].

AFTER SIX

The Management Committee of the After Six Housing Advisory Trust recently announced that the organisation would close at the end of March. However, the housing advisory service for single people and childless couples which includes a 24 hr emergency service is much needed, and the members of After Six staff and others are concerned that it should not be withdrawn.

The members of the staff have sought the support of their trade union, and approaches have been made to the funding bodies – mainly local authorities. It is now hoped that arrangements can be made for the service and the organisation to continue after 31st March.

After Six's address is 48 King William IV Street, WC2 4LS [836 6534].

CHILDREN ACT

The 1975 Children Act states that in every case relating to adoption or to local authority care, first consideration must be given to the need to promote the welfare of the child. Due consideration must also be given to the wishes of the child himself.

The Act introduces the new legal relationship of 'custodians'. By this means, as an alternative to adoption, relatives and others looking after children on a long-term basis will be able to apply for the legal custody of them. Custodians will gain some, but not all, of the rights and duties of parents.

Provision is made for separate representation of children in care proceedings where there might be a conflict of interest between child and parents. Another innovation is that adopted people over 18 will be given access to the information contained in their birth certificate: those adopted before the passing of the act will first required to have a personal interview with a counsellor.

Parental agreement to adoption will no longer be necessary if the child has been seriously ill-treated by his parent and is unlikely to be helped by staying in the parent's household. A new ground for the taking of a child into care is the probability that the child will be ill-treated by someone in his household who has been convicted of ill-treatment of children.

The Act will give all local authorities the duty of providing an adoption service, either on their own or in conjunction with other authorities or approved adoption societies. Adoptions independent of any adoption agency will be possible only if the adopter is a relative of the child. Adoption agencies will henceforth have to respect the parent's wishes in regard to religious upbringing only as far as practicable.

Local authorities are given the power to assume parental rights after a child has been in care for three years. They will also be able to transfer parental rights to a voluntary organisation. After a child has been in care for six months, twenty eight days notice will be required of his removal from care.

A number of the provisions of the Act have already come into force. These include those dealing with the general principle of promotion of the welfare of the child; ill-treatment as a ground for dispensing with parental agreement to adoption; religion as a condition for adoption. The government expects that it will take local authorities at least a year to prepare for the requirement to provide a comprehensive adoption service. However, it hopes to implement as soon as possible the provisions on separate representation, access to birth certificates, and the limits for the assumption of parental rights and removal from care.

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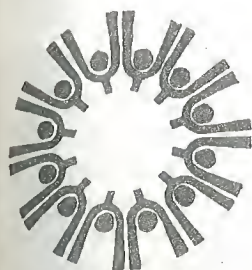
The Rape Crisis Centre is now in operation. It is offering help and advice to women victims of rape and sexual assault. Legal and medical advice is available and there is a 24-hr telephone line so that victims can get immediate sympathetic advice and support, and a companion to go with them to the police, doctor or court hearing. The centre is at PO Box 42, N6 5BU and the day telephone number – 10.00 am/6.00 pm – is 340 6913.

The emergency telephone number for use outside office hours is 340 6145.

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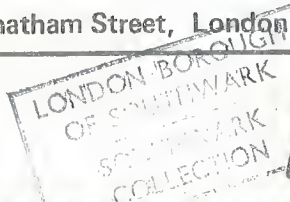
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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

Affiliation Fees and Newsletter Subscriptions

We would like – politely – to draw the attention of our members to the fact that the SCVS subscription year runs from July to June and that affiliation fees and subscriptions to the Newsletter will be due soon. It would be an economy for us if members could send their fees without a further reminder. This year the affiliation fee becomes £3 – as agreed at the last Annual General Meeting. This is the first increase which has been made in the fee since the inception of the SCVS in 1968; we much regret the need to make this increase but feel sure that all members will regard it as a most reasonable one in the circumstances. Members continue to receive the Newsletter free, together with copies of any publications either free or at a reduced price. They will very shortly be receiving the new edition of the Directory of Social Services for which the charge to non-members or for additional copies will be 75p (90p with postage & packing). The charge for the Newsletter remains (for the time being) at 50p a year, though this does not even cover the cost of postage.

Survey of Member and non-member Voluntary Organisations

Because of the difficulties which have been experienced in bringing up to date the information contained in the Directory of Social Services and in making it truly comprehensive, the SCVS, as part of the operation to establish Interest Groups, are carrying out a survey of voluntary organisations working within the borough. It is hoped that if information about all groups can be assembled in a standardised form it will be easier for us to collate it in a sensible way and to produce a Directory which will be really useful and easy to use. Reg Adams is undertaking this part of the work and we hope that he may look for your co-operation when he approaches your organisation. Filling up the questionnaire on which the survey is based does not take a lot of time and does not involve the disclosure of anything which could be regarded as confidential information.

Community Health Council Elections

You are reminded that there will be new elections from the voluntary sector to the Community Health Councils in the autumn of this year. Information and dates which are relevant to the process will be supplied as soon as they are available but perhaps what needs to be thought about at this stage is the degree of involvement which various organisations are prepared to undertake vis-a-vis the Community Health Councils and the individuals who might most suitably serve as members of them.

INTEREST GROUPS – A Beginning

As a direct result of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th May in the Havil Hall, Havil Street, the first of the Interest Groups to be established by the SCVS is that concerned with Housing. The second Group is that concerned with Planning but at the time of publication no definite date has been set for this to meet (partly owing to the indisposition of the Convenor). The Housing Interest Group will meet at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 1st June at 53 Chatham Street, SE17 1PA. All those present at the meeting of 20th May have this date but unfortunately there is

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no time to circulate others who might have been interested in attending. We would therefore be glad to know of anyone else who would wish to be informed of future meetings of this Group.

Gestetner Duplicator

We have in our possession a Gestetner Duplicator (electric) which, though temperamental, can be coaxed to work. It is not really up to the volume of work which we have been requiring it to do but would be perfectly adequate for occasional usage. If there is any organisation among our membership which would be interested in this machine, perhaps they would like to get in touch with us.

LOCAL MATTERS

Open Door Project

This project, under the management of Southwark Youth workers, Careers Service and Adult Education, aims to open Youth Centres and clubs for the young unemployed so that they can go there during the day to get information and help on finding jobs and on problems connected with being out of work.

At the moment two clubs are open:—

Cambridge University Mission
43 Old Jamaica Road
SE16

Tel: 237 5092 Wednesday & Friday 9.30 — 12.30

Pembroke House
Tatum Street
SE17

Tel: 703 2597 Thursday 11.00 am — 2.00 pm

Contact *Peter Harrison (703 8419)* for more details of the project.

An Appeal for furniture

Anyone with furniture to dispose of is asked to remember the need of the women who formerly lived in the privately run women's hostel which was taken over by the Council in February. About 16 of the 60 women are to be rehoused in bed sittingrooms or small flats but they need furniture and household goods, especially bedding and linen. All offers should be directed to the Housing Welfare Officer concerned, Miss Andree Smith.

Domiciliary Hairdressing

AGE CONCERN Southwark inform us that they are now able to offer a domiciliary service to the housebound elderly who ask for hairdressing. The service is not free but entails a small charge and anyone wishing to make use of it is invited to contact Age Concern, at 33 Peckham Road, SE5 (703 6106) to arrange an appointment.

Learn to Dance

The Riverside Studio of the Beshara Design Centre, Hope (Sufferance) Wharf, Rotherhithe, SE16 is offering classes in General Dance for Adults, Tap Dancing for Beginners, Beginners Ballet for Adults and Keep Fit for the summer term 22nd May — 24th July. All enquiries to:— *Julie Hornsby 237 8944 or 487 2659.*

Benhill Gateway Club — Appeal for Helpers

The Assistant Leader of the Benhill Gateway Club (which is run by the Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children) says that he would be grateful for any helpers who could go along and help on Wednesday evenings. (The Club meets at 7.30 pm). Activities include a wide range of things including table games, painting, darts, snooker, sports, PE etc. He would be particularly interested in anyone willing to volunteer to go with him for approximately ¾ hr. to help organise a raffle on the adjacent Aylesbury Estate.

The Society also draw attention to Holidays for Mothers of handicapped children who need a break away from their child. The place — Weymouth: the time — 16th/23rd October, 1976: the cost — £20/24. If necessary the society might arrange the accommodation of the child. Details are available from Mrs J Rhodes, (670 7520).

Second Annual Report of the Community Health Council Guy's Health District

In his introduction to the Second Annual Report of the Guy's CHC, the Chairman, J T Nelligan, says "There has been a growing awareness of the existence of the Community Health Council throughout the district during the year. However, it remains generally true to say that the community seems to be somewhat indifferent to the provision of services until the time of need or when something has gone wrong."

The Report gives an indication of the work undertaken by members of the CHC and also points up the general lack of public interest in its transactions which can be instanced by the failure of members of the public to attend its meetings or to make use of the advice facilities which it provided.

GENERAL MATTERS

Guide to the Community Land Act

The National Council of Social Service, through the Standing Conference of Councils for Voluntary Service, can provide a guide to the Community Land Act. This was drafted after consultation with the Department of the Environment, who checked its technical details and agreed them. Copies may be obtained from 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU price 10p — 1 copy: 35p — 10 copies: £1.00 — 50 copies (all inclusive of postage and packing).

Single Parents' Legal Problems

Single parents with any legal problem that arises from their position or that of their children may obtain advice from a new legal clinic. It is being run by the National Council for One Parent Families.

One Parent Families. The council's legal advisers are available fortnightly on Monday evenings between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Interviews are by appointment only and these can be obtained by writing or telephoning the NCOPF at 255 Kentish Town Road, NW5 2LX [267 1361].

The NCOPF has recently produced a new small poster and a leaflet explaining its work. Supplies are available and enquiries should be made to David Webb at the same address.

NSMHC Service on the training of the Mentally Handicapped

A national advisory service on horticulture and Agriculture for the training of the mentally handicapped has been set up. David L Carter, APIA, who has been in charge of the Rural Training Unit of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children at Yeovil for the past five years, is the Director and Advisory Officer. The success of the Unit's work resulted in a flood of requests for advice, not only on training and employment for the mentally handicapped, but also on the most effective use of land for this purpose.

Since the service was launched, drawing on the Unit's experience, advice has been sought by groups and individuals including farmers considering a retarded employee, private people wishing to develop land in the interest of the mentally handicapped, and local authorities concerned about employment.

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NAYC/NCSS/NCVYS WORKING PARTY ON USE AND LICENSING OF MINIBUSES

Name of organisation

Address

Telephone No:

Operation of vehicles

1. For what purpose(s) is (are) your vehicle(s) used?

2. Do the passengers make a financial contribution towards the cost of operating the vehicle(s)?

3. If yes, how is the contribution made? (Please be specific and honest; the information will be treated in confidence).

4. Has the recent publicity about licensing difficulties resulted in your voluntary organisation and/or local authority restricting the operation of vehicles?

If yes, state the restrictions

5. Please state any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Working Party, and in particular any problem relating to the operation of your vehicle eg obtaining licences, finance, insurance: (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

ment and training. Several Area Health Authorities have asked the service for help over the constructive use of land surrounding subnormality hospitals for agricultural and horticultural development for the residents.

National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Pembridge House, 17 Pembridge Square, W2 [229 8941]

CHANGE OF OFFICER' NAME OR ADDRESS

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ORGANISING
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Office of Fair Trading
DIRECTOR
GENERAL Gordon Borrie

Sports Aid Foundation
CHAIRMAN Paul Zetter
DIRECTOR Alan Weeks

Heygate Tenants' Association
CHAIRMAN Ron Freeman
SECRETARY Eileen Burnby
TREASURER Barbara Haylock

Council of Christians & Jews,
48 Onslow Gardens, SW7 3PX
International Voluntary Service
Ceresole House, 53 Regent Road,
Leicester LE1 6YL [0533 541862]

Use & Licensing of Minibuses

The National Association of Youth Clubs, the National Council of Social Service and the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services have set up a joint working party to examine the problems arising out of the new proposed regulations relating to the use of minibuses. Members include representatives of several national co-ordinating bodies and legal advisers. Assistance and advice is also being given by the motoring organisations and insurance advisers. The main areas of investigation by the working party are licences, manufacture and hire of vehicles, legislation – EEC and British – safety standards and insurance.

In order to convey to the Department of the Environment the magnitude and exact nature of the problem, the working party needs to obtain very quickly statistical information on the number, type, seating capacity, use, licensing and financing of minibuses, as well as descriptive information on problems being experienced by voluntary organisations in the operation of their vehicles.

A copy of the relevant questionnaire appears in this issue of the Newsletter and if you are running a minibus you are asked to co-operate with the Working Party and return the information which they require to them.

THE JOB CREATION PROGRAMME

The Manpower Services Commission put the need for urgent thought *now* about possible new projects to be ready at the time when this year's school-leavers come on to the market for employment before an invited audience at the Waldorf Hotel on 18th May.

They emphasised the need for flexible and imaginative schemes with a real training element which, ideally, would involve both ends of the age range. It was reported that some of the most successful schemes were those in which older craftsmen were in charge of the young people.

London did not come too badly out of the league table as far as the voluntary element was concerned, since 25% of the schemes supported in London came from the voluntary sector. Nonetheless, it was hoped that other voluntary organisations would see the Programme as an opportunity for the exercise of vision and experiment and that they would make the fullest possible use of it.

Help and advice can be obtained from Mr J Walton, London and South East Office, Job Creation Programme, 166 High Holborn, WC1V 6PF [836 1213 Extension 285]

QUESTIONNAIRE (continued)

6. If minibuses operated by voluntary organisations were exempted from the 'Hire or Reward' regulations contained in the Road Traffic Act 1960, Section 118, would you support the introduction of safety measures which would govern the use of such vehicles:
-

7. Construction of Vehicles (Please fill in separate information for each vehicle)

Make, model and year of vehicle	Authorised seating capacity — including driver.	Is vehicle built/converted to PSV standards?	Does vehicle possess a PSV Certificate of fitness?	Does owner of vehicle possess a PSV licence?
(a)				
(b)				
(c)				
(d)				

8. Drivers How many drivers operate your vehicle(s)?
9. Drivers How many drivers possess PSV licences?

Please complete and return questionnaire to Mr S A Cobley, National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU not later than 30th July 1976.

SNAKES & LADDERS

The Westminster Play Association has been asked by a number of boroughs to provide copies of Snakes & Ladders 76 for circulation to libraries, playleaders etc. For those who have not seen it,

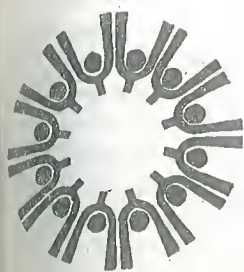
Snakes & Ladders contains a comprehensive list of opportunities available to children, covering such things as Parks & Open Spaces; Places of Interest; Beside the Seaside; Zoos & Safari Parks; River & Canal Trips: etc. etc.

Copies of the 76 edition will be available at a probable cost of 15p and the Westminster Play Association would like to know how many you will require by 5th June. They are at 16/20 Strutton Ground, SW1 [222 0971]

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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

E & O E

We are happy to be able to announce — at long last! — that the new edition of the Directory of Social Services is now available. All members of the Council for Voluntary Service should have received their complimentary copy by now and we should be glad to hear from anyone who has not done so. Owing to the cost of postage, most copies have been delivered by hand, so on this occasion we cannot blame the post office for any which may have gone astray.

Much of the Directory has been revised but we have not been able to tackle all sections; we have also suffered the usual fate of anyone who compiles this kind of publication — corrections came in week by week and as fast as one list was corrected another went out of date; the sad truth is that a Directory is out of date from the date on which it is published.

If, therefore, you are enraged because the information given about your own particular organisation is not correct, please forgive us, but also *please let us know about it*.

We shall be publishing the usual amendments from time to time and hope that people will find these helpful.

(Directory of Social Services in the London Borough of Southwark price 75p (collected); 90p including postage & packing).

THE SUMMER BREAK

We would like to remind our members and subscribers to the Newsletter that there is no issue in the month of August. The deadline for items which people may wish to be included in the September issue will be 23rd September and it is always helpful to receive material in good time.

SCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Peckham Library Hall on Wednesday, 22nd September at 7.00 pm. We hope that the meeting will be well attended because it is one occasion when all kinds of people have an opportunity of meeting and talking together. We hope to have a good speaker but also to have plenty of food and a relaxed atmosphere so that the evening can be enjoyed by all who come to it.

VISITING STUDENT

The SCVS welcomes Hugh Geach, a student from Bedford College, who has come to us on a six week placement. During his time with us Hugh will be looking at the use of volunteers by the statutory departments in various different ways. This should prove an interesting and stimulating area of investigation. We look forward to his report when it is completed.

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SOUTHWARK LOSES AGAIN

Once more we have the melancholy task of saying goodbye to someone who has been a good friend and supporter of the SCVS. Mrs Jennifer Lindsay moves to Age Concern, Lambeth, in July leaving behind her many friends who will miss her sadly. As a former member of the SCVS Executive Committee we thank her for all the work she has put in for us in the past and wish her every success in her new post.

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LOCAL MATTERS

LITERACY - NEW SCHEME AT BEDE HOUSE

In order to meet the tremendous demand for adult literacy tuition in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe area, Bede House is co-operating with the Cambridge House Literacy Scheme and the Frobisher Institute in setting up a small literacy scheme.

Volunteer tutors will provide tuition on a one-to-one basis to adults who need help with reading and writing. A room in Bede House has been equipped for this purpose and teaching materials, including a tape recorder, books etc. are available.

Initially an experienced member of the Cambridge House Literacy Scheme staff is interviewing potential students and tutors and providing training and support for the tutors.

At present, volunteer help is mainly needed for *teaching*, though in the future there will probably be need for help with the preparation of material, child care for students' families and various other things.

Tutors need to be available for nine months to one year from the start of the lessons. The weekly commitment is 1 - 1½ hours + preparation time. In addition tutors are expected to attend a training course for one evening a week for six weeks, plus some periodic follow-up meeting and sessions. Tutors and students are encouraged to write 6 weekly work reports together. Often, at the end of 9 - 12 months students and tutors either together or separately join a local adult institute class to continue their literacy work.

Anyone interested in helping with the scheme as a tutor in or other ways is asked to apply to Charles Woodd at *Bede House, 351 Southwark Park Road, SE16 (237 3881)*.

Also based at Bede House:-

Summer '76: Holiday Programme for children and young people in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe
Holiday Play Scheme - 2/13 August
For children from 5 to 13
Mondays to Fridays 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Cost £2.20 per child per week
at Bede Centre Abbeyfield Road;
Manor Centre, Galleywall Road; St Mary's School Lower Road.

West Country Holiday - 9/14 August
For children are 9 to 13
Cost £5

Place: Kingswood School, Bath
Sussex Activity Camp - 16/20 August
For children from 13 to 16

Cost £7
Place: Hindleap Warrne, Nr Forest Row
Pony-Trekking Holiday 22/27 August
For children from 12 to 18
Cost £15 Place: Mid-Wales

Euro-Camping Tour - 29 August/ 3 Sept
For children from 12 to 18
Cost £25 Route: Through Belgium and Germany

A Plea for Help

Can you spare time to give some voluntary help to your CAB at 199, Walworth Road, SE17?

Urgently Needed!
Typists to type letters from handwritten drafts.

Mondays to Fridays (except Thursdays) - as little or as much time as you can give.

Telephone 703 4198 if you can give help.

WELFARE RIGHTS WORKSHOP

A two day Welfare Rights Workshop will be held on 19th & 20th July at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1. It is designed for people who already have a basic knowledge of Welfare Rights and will cover *Social Security: Local Authority benefits and services: Housing and Homelessness and Employment*.
Course Tutor: Andy Benson (Blackfriars Information Action Support.)
Fee: £1.45 payable to Morley College.

WHAT RIGHTS HAVE YOU GOT?

Beginning in the autumn, the BBC will be broadcasting a series of twentyfive ½ hr radio programmes with the above title. It will probably go out from 7th October at 6.30 or 7.00 pm on Radio 3 on Thursdays, with a repeat on Sundays probably at 3.30 pm on Radio 4 VHF.

Adult centres are being encouraged to form listening and discussion groups to follow the series and Morley College will be running such a session on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm, convening on 22nd September.

For further information about these matters apply to Sally Nichols, Tutor in Social and Community Studies, Morley College.
Tel: 928 8501.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE SCVS - 22nd SEPTEMBER

1976 - PECKHAM LIBRARY HALL.

The Mutable Theatre Company - Community Theatre Performances

The Mutable Theatre Company is offering a Musical Documentary about Londoners 1880/1918 which has been specially prepared for community audiences and will be touring SE London during July and August. The show combines dramatised events of the times with songs from the musichall. There are scenes concerned with the Dock Strike: the Suffragettes: the Great War: the Match-girls' Strike 1888 and life in SE London. The company believe that this show will appeal in particular to older people. The cost is £40 per performance - which requires the use of a piano and a space 15' x 20' but for those who simply cannot pay this fee there is a chance of a special rate. Ring 602 1029 to enquire or make bookings.

GENERAL MATTERS

THE LAW AND CHARITY SHOPS

The Rating of Charity Shops Bill had its second reading in the House of Lords on May 24th. Behind the Bill is an attempt to amend the law relating to rate relief for charity gift shops, in order to restore it to what had been believed to be the law before the case between Birmingham City Council and Oxfam. In that case it was held on appeal to the House of Lords that a charity gift shop was not entitled to rate relief.

In introducing the second reading, Baroness Birk said that, broadly speaking, shops run by charities fell into three types:

- a 'trading' shop selling goods bought under normal trading conditions although they may be specially made for the charity (eg Christmas cards, tea towels etc.) These would not qualify for rate relief nor did Oxfam contend that they should.

- a shop selling goods to further the charity's activities (eg goods produced by the blind or by village industries in poor countries). It was not contested by Birmingham City Council that these would qualify for rate relief as the law stands at present.

- a shop selling gifts donated to the charity. It was this type of shop which the Lords held would not qualify for rate relief.

The present Bill, which it is hoped will have a smooth, swift passage, inserts a new clause after Section 40 (9) of the General Rate Act 1967 stating that "a hereditament

ment is used wholly or mainly for charitable purposes if it is used wholly or mainly for the sale of goods donated to a charity and the proceeds of the sales are applied for the purposes of a charity". Similar provisions would be inserted at the end of Section 4 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1962.

BULK BUY BUREAU

As part of its brief to consider the needs of the 'disadvantaged consumer' the National Consumer Council has set up a Bulk Buy Bureau to advise on bulk purchase methods to save money on groceries. Since the publication of its report on consumer disadvantage, "For Richer for Poorer" in September 1975, the Council has been studying the extent and organisation of bulk buying in the UK. A NOP survey showed that a quarter of the population already undertakes some bulk buying, usually in informal groups and that some three-quarters of a million people are organised in food co-operatives or clubs. However, most are social groups A & B, and are under 40.

The Bureau will operate for a trial period of eighteen months. Membership will be open only to those defined as 'disadvantaged' shoppers according to the following broad guidelines.

- a group of old age pensioners
- a group of single parent families
- a group of handicapped people
- a group of pre-school parents
- a group of social security beneficiaries
- a residential or community group in the catchment area of a social priority school
- a group living more than five miles from the nearest market town or population centre of over 20,000

For £1 per annum members' services will include advice on establishing and running a group, methods of buying and tackling such problems as transport and storage, and a bi-monthly bulletin "Bulk Buy". The bulletin is available to non-members at a subscription of £1 per annum. The first issue is free and was available on 16th June. The Bureau operates from the NCC offices, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1 (930 5752).

The NCC is aware from its survey that many voluntary organisations are involved in food co-operatives and clubs and would be interested to know of local schemes. It is hoped that voluntary organisations will help to promote the project and, where appropriate, act as a channel of information between local schemes.

MR BRYNMOR JOHN, MP for Pontypridd

Following the departure of Mr Alex Lyon and an internal re-shuffle, Mr Brynmor John has assumed responsibility for the Voluntary Services Unit at the Home Office.

Before entering Parliament Mr John practised as a solicitor specialising in industrial accident law. He was elected to Parliament in 1970 and since March 1974 has been Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the RAF.

ACTIVE

Active is the name of a group comprising parents, therapists, teachers, designers and engineers which was set up in January because of their concern about the lack of good play material for the handicapped. They want to promote the design and production of toys and play equipment for mentally and physically handicapped children and adults. There are plans for an information service listing play aids and designers, and the group are building up a file on sheltered workshops in borstals, prisons and hospitals which may be able to make toys. Further information may be obtained from Roger Limbrick of the London College of Furniture, 41/47 Commercial Road, E1.

CHANGING CHILDMINDERS?

The National Elfrida Rathbone Society ran a short, intensive course for childminders in a part of London late in 1974. The report "Changing Childminders?" is an assessment of this — as evaluated by the Childminding Research & Development Unit. It is described as revealing "an alarming state of affairs, as well as a vivid description of the attitudes and conditions of a group of minders".

The report is available price 30p (+ 10p PP) from the National Elfrida Rathbone Society Gaddum Centre, 274 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4HF.

MEMBERSHIP OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON LEGAL SERVICES

The membership of the Royal Commission on Legal Services has now been announced. The Chairman is Sir Henry Benson, former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the members are as follows:—

Prof Ralf Darrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics

Leonard Edmondson, TUC General Council and the AEU

Peter Goldman, Director of the Consumers Association

Joe Haines, former Press Secretary to Mr Harold Wilson

Tom Harper, legal journalist

Mark Littin, QC, Deputy Chairman of the British Steel Corporation, bencher of the Middle Temple, member of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar

Susan Marsden-Smedley, Director of the Legal Action Group, barrister

William Marshall, company director

Peter Oppenheimer, economist

Sally Ramsden, Federation of Business and Professional Women

Alwyn Roberts, lecturer in Social theory and institutions

David Seligman, solicitor

Mr Justice Templeman, judge in the Chancery Division, formerly President of the Senate of the Inns of Court

W M H Williams, solicitor and member of the Council of the Law Society

BOOKS FOR PARENTS OF A HANDICAPPED CHILD

The Institute for Research into Mental and Multiple Handicap has recently produced a booklet "Books for Parents of a Handicapped Child" in response to the increasing demand for parent guidance. It is an annotated reading list of commercially published books which should be available to buy or to borrow from the public library. It excludes the publications of the specialised societies. *The booklet is available from the Institute, 16 Fitzroy Square, W1P 5HQ (Library and Information Service) Tel: 387 9571 price 15p for individual copies; 10 p for orders of more than 20 copies.*

The Elderly GARDENS

It is suggested by the Friends of the Earth that people who can no longer manage to keep their gardens cultivated might allow part of the garden to be used by someone without a garden for growing vegetables. A manual published by Friends of the Earth is called "Crops and Shares" and gives guidance on how to organise such a scheme.

"Crops and Shares" by Colin Hines, may be obtained from Friends of the Earth Ltd., 9 Poland Street, W1V 3DG price 25p price 25p.

INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

HOW CAN THE EEC HELP THE YOUNG UNEMPLOYED?

Although both general and youth employment has improved slightly in most EEC countries since the end of 1975, up-to-date figures still give no cause for complacency, and the effect of the figures still employment crisis on people under 25 will take a long time to put right. From mid 1973 to the end of 1975 the number of young people out of work in the Community rose drastically (see Table 1). This group of people constituted an ever-growing proportion of all unemployed people, reaching by last December 46% in France, 41% in the Netherlands, 39% in Belgium and 36% in the UK (see Table 2).

TABLE 1

Member State	Numbers of People Under 25 Unemployed					
	Mid 1973	End 1973	Mid 1974	End 1974	Mid 1975	End 1975
Belgium	14,596	26,187	18,564	46,677	50,987	89,224
German	-	51,001	105,459	158,051	253,711	287,373
Denmark	4,184	6,257	7,435	31,635	-	36,779
France	94,800	187,100	123,400	331,500	276,400	462,000
Italy	287,963	277,888	308,336	311,820	369,598	376,668
Netherlands	27,130	37,065	33,761	59,935	62,370	87,234
Great Britain	154,256	-	174,122	-	436,226	453,438

TABLE 2

Percentage of Young People of less than 25 yrs among the Unemployed

	End 1973	End 1975
Belgium	27.76%	38.95%
Denmark	30.53%	31.12%
Germany	23.26%	28.58%
France	40.62%	45.76%
Ireland	na	na
Italy	30.71%	32.52%
Luxembourg	na	na
Netherlands	32.62%	41.35%
United Kingdom	27.48%	36.22%
European Community	31.11%	35.97%

na = not available

Facing all EEC countries on such a devastating scale, the problem calls for effective intervention at Community level. Already the EEC Commission has come up with a number of recommendations. Last month the Standing Committee on Employment, a consultative body consisting of representatives drawn from the Commission, member governments and both sides of industry, met to discuss these proposals. The Commission's draft recommendation deals with the guidance, training and placement of young people who are out of work or threatened with unemployment, and calls for the close co-ordination of vocational training and placement services.

The Commission suggest two important areas of action for member governments:— first that young people threatened with unemployment should be given leave of absence from work to attend courses, and second that people attending training courses should be paid a maintenance allowance at least as high as unemployment benefit.

The Commission also recommends that both employers and trade unions should be involved in organising these training programmes. Priority in vocational training should be given to young people who leave school at the minimum age. In countries where the minimum school leaving age is lower than the minimum age at which people can begin work, the Commission wants to see this gap closed.

As far as the content of vocational training is concerned, it should include individual guidance to establish the abilities of each person, the strengthening of basic educational skills such as writing and mathematics, practical training in particular skills and practical experience of work.

The Standing Committee on Employment were generally in favour of the Commission's recommendation. However the employers were wary of the leave of absence principle, while trade unions felt that job creation was more effective as a means of combatting unemployment than vocational training alone. It is now up to the Commission to finalise their draft proposals.

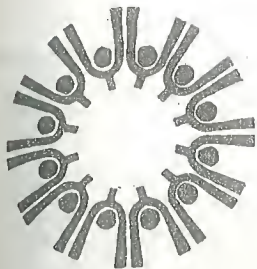
Voluntary organisations involved with the problems of the young unemployed may like to know that the British Youth Council have been looking at youth unemployment in a European context. They have already held one meeting and hope to organise a further conference in the Autumn, at which more people from other EEC countries will be present to compare notes.

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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

"THE MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION – WHAT IT CAN AND CAN'T DO ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT"

This is the title which has been chosen by Richard O'Brien, Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, who has kindly agreed to come and speak at the Annual Meeting of the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service.

Members and friends have been given warning of the date, time and place of the meeting and formal invitations are now being issued. We have found in the past that the Annual Meeting provides a welcome opportunity for all kinds of people to meet and socialise as well as discussing the pressing problems of the moment and for this reason the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee have chosen to try and combine several different elements in this year's meeting.

We are fortunate in that the Mayor of Southwark, who is our President, has kindly consented to Chair the meeting. The Annual Report will be presented and the formal business for the year will be dealt with between 7.00 pm and approximately 7.30 pm. This will be followed by Mr O'Brien's talk and, no doubt, questions and discussion. We shall be providing a buffet supper and dancing to round off the evening. Fortunately for us, our Voluntary Services Bureau Organiser is also a professional musician and he will be providing a group for the evening.

We hope that everyone will come along and enjoy this opportunity for enlightenment and enjoyment combined!

MORE NOMINATIONS REQUIRED

An important part of the business of each Annual Meeting is the election of new members to the Executive Committee. Invitations for nominations were sent out some time ago but with the intervention of the holiday period it may be that some organisations have not yet got round to sending in the names of their candidates. We aim at having a strong and really representative committee and for this reason it is always more satisfactory if there are plenty of nominations. If, therefore, for any reason you have not yet put forward your candidate for election to the Committee, please do so now. *The closing date for the receipt of nominations is the 8th September.*

REVIEW BODY FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Now that the Southwark Law Project is in process of being established and has its own Management Committee to take responsibility for decisions affecting the Project, the Forward Planning Group for Information & Advice Services feel that they should report back to the original Review Body from

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which the members were drawn. All those who were concerned initially will be invited but, in order to bring the working of the Group more into line with the development of the SCVS Interest Groups, it is intended that anyone else who may have a primary interest in this field should also have the chance to join in the deliberations of the Review Body. If therefore there is any Group who wish to be included the SCVS would be glad to hear from them. It has been agreed that a meeting of the Review Body will be called for

*Tuesday, 9th November, 1976 at 7.30 pm
at 53 Chatham Street, SE17*

HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

Bodies with a primary interest in Housing matters have been invited to attend a meeting of the Housing Interest Group to be held at

*7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th September
at 53 Chatham Street, SE17*

but if there is anyone else who wishes to attend but has not received an invitation they are most welcome to do so. All we ask is that they should let us know who will be coming so that we may know the numbers it is necessary to accommodate.

List of amendments to the 1976 Edition Social Services Directory - No 1

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- 3 Delete entry for **BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION APPEAL**
BROOK ADVISORY CENTRE
Organiser: Jane Barker
- 4 **AGE CONCERN (Southwark)**
33 Peckham Road, SE5 Delete references
Organising Secretary: Mrs Eileen McNally to chiropody
- 5 **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MISSION**
43/47 Old Jamaica Road, SE16
Warden: I J 'Snowy' Davoll
- 7 **CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP**
Area Representative: C J Lait, Esq., 15 Penrose St, SE17 701 0257
- 10 **FREDDIE MILLS BOYS' CLUB**
Enquiries to: Mr T W Speight, 68a Beauval Rd, SE22 8UP 735 3462
- 10 **INDEPENDENT ADOPTION ASSOCIATION**
160 Peckham Rye, SE22
Director: Miss M C James
Community worker: Paul Sallon-Davies
- 11 **INVALID CHILDREN'S AID ASSOCIATION**
Delete local address
126 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 9SB 730 9891
SURREY DOCKS ACTION GROUP
Secretary: Dolphi Burkens, Lady Gomm House,
165 Abbeyfield Road, SE16 237 2872
- 12 **MANOR METHODIST CHURCH & CENTRE**
Galleywall Road, SE16 3PB
Minister: The Rev P Luscombe
- 13 **NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN**
8a Camberwell Green, SE5
Area Officer: Mr Farncombe
- 14 **PEMBROKE HOUSE** — Delete The Rev John Austin
- 16 **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**
Southwark Branch
Secretary: Mrs Cantellow
- ST GILES' CENTRE**
Camberwell Church Street, SE5
Co-ordinator: Adrian Speller
- 21 **TIME & TALENTS ASSOCIATION** — Delete first three lines
- 25 **AL-NON FAMILY GROUPS**
Local Meetings — ADD
Pilgrim Church, Gt Dover St., SE1 403 0888
ALCOHOLICS RECOVERY PROJECT
47 Addington Square, SE5 7LB 701 3129
Director: Tim O'Leary
NEW CAREERS PROJECT
83 Amersham Road, SE14 692 6106
COMMUNITY DRUG PROJECT — Delete F Armstrong
- 26 **ST LUKE'S HOUSE (for men) and ST MARY'S HOUSE (for women)**
25a Wincott Street, SE11
Warden: Peter Baker
HELPING HAND ORGANISATION
Giles House, 23 Grove Park SE5 and Kenmore Hall, 32 Grove Park, SE5
Social Worker: 274 4883
Provide accommodation for male alcoholics
- 42 **Dulwich College (Boys)** College Road, Se21
Head — Mr Emms
- 51 **GLC/LBS ADVICE CENTRE**
29 Lordship Lane, SE22
Mon/Fri 9.00 - 2.00 pm 693 0618
ADD
WALWORTH PROJECT
38 Braganza Street, SE17 582 1223
Organiser: Margaret Prosser
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 am — 5.00 pm
Monday, Wednesday 9.30 am — 7.00 pm
Also at St Albans Day Centre, Manor Place, SE17
Monday, Tuesday, Friday 11.30 am — 3.00 pm
- 52 **Dulwich Society**
Secretary: Mr Brady, 79 Burbage Road
- 54 **Ionian Singers**
Secretary: Mr G R E Stewart, 19 Beauval Road
- 56 **Spastics Shops**
8 Camberwell Church Road, SE5
93 Peckham High Street, SE5
305 Camberwell Road, SE5
Opening hours: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- 58 **Peckham & Southwark Branch**
Secretary: Miss A Lockyear, 182 Queen's Road
Southwark & Peckham Young Community Centre
Meets in the evenings
Secretary can be reached by telephone
12 noon Monday/Friday
- 60 **ADD**
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN COUNCIL
48 Union Street, SE1 1TD
- 67 **Borough Planner** Michael West, D, Planner
- 74 **ST GILES' HOSPITAL**
- 84 **Island** Delete entry
Kings Grove Improvement Area Residents' Association
Chairman: The Rev Ted Martin, 10a Meetinghouse Lane, SE17 1SD
Dulwich Wood
Secretary: Mr Geoffrey Lawson
Grosvenor Park Residents' Association
Secretary: Miss Carol Grey, 47 Grosvenor Road, SE17 1SD
- 95 **Bermondsey Group** Time and place of meetings to be decided by the group
3 Prestwood House, Drummond Road, SE16 1SD
- 105 **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY (Southwark)**
Secretary: R J C Kenrick, OBE, 3 Highbury Road, SE16 1SD
Multiple Sclerosis Society Club
Enquiries to R J C Kenrick (as above)
- 107 Delete entry for **WINGFIELD MUSICAL SOCIETY**
- 109 **Camberwell Deanery Synod**
The Reverend Clifford Wright, St. Le's Church, 123 Farnborough Way, N Peckham, SE15 2JF
DELETE ENTRY ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SE15 2JF
- 110 **ST CHRISTOPHER'S (PEMBROKE ROAD)**
Delete Rev J Austin
- 11 **ST JOHN'S, Meetinghouse Lane, SE17 1SD**
Vicar: The Rev Ted Martin
ST JUDE'S, St George's Road, SE17 1SD
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Canon Kenneth Martin
ST MARY NEWINGTON, Kenning Park Road, SE17 1SD
- 112 Delete The Rev C W Gonin
- 112 **CHANGE ST MATTHEW WITH ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SE17 1SD**
HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SE17 1SD
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
Vicar: The Rev Henry Morgan
ST PETER'S Liverpool Grove, SE17 1SD
ADD
WALWORTH TEAM MINISTRY
St Peter's Liverpool Grove and St Matthew's Church, SE17 1SD
Rector: The Rev J Jobson, St Peter's Church, SE17 1SD
- 114 **CROSSWAY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SE17 1SD**
& **ST MATTHEW (part of the Elephant and Castle)**
81 New Kent Road, SE1
Minister: The Rev Ralph Essex, Crossway, SE17 1SD
Deacon Way, SE17 1SD

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ctory, SE17 703 3139

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Group of churches)

Y Church House,

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Name of Estate

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Secretary or Chairman

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(Disbanded)

Miss P Jones (Secretary)
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Bermondsey, SE1

Mrs P Watts (Secretary)
35 Palamon Court, Coopers Rd, SE1
(Disbanded)

Mr A Langley (Chairman)
21 Wolverton, Aylesbury Est., SE17
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Mrs Peries (Chairman)

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Mr R Munday (Secretary)

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Overhill Road, SE22

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* CROXTED ROAD

* COLEGROVE

* DAWSONS HEIGHTS

* DELAWYK

* DOWNTOWN

* EAST DULWICH ROAD (Kings)

* EAST DULWICH GROVE (Hedge)

* ELIM

* EVELINE LOWE

* FOUR SQUARES

* GILESMEAD

GRANGE

* GROVE VALE

* HEYGATE

* KENNINGTON PARK

* CHARLESTON/LARCOM ST

LORDSHIP LANE

* LONGFIELD

* MAGDALEN

MANOR

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NOTE: This list supplied by the Town Hall August 1976 and checked by us as far as we have been able but found not to be entirely accurate owing to the rapidity of change within TAs.

LOCAL MATTERS

Sainsbury Canteen

Arrangements have now been made, though the final agreements have not yet been signed, for the Sainsbury Canteen to be rented at a nominal fee to the Blackfriars Settlement. The Settlement in its turn will act as landlord for the newly formed Colombo Street Jubilee Sports and Community Association. It is hoped that the whole building will be brought into use for sporting and community activities and any local groups who might be interested in joining the project are asked to contact *John Hearn, 126 Peabody Estate, Duchy Street, SE1* to discuss possibilities with him.

Radio Guy's

More volunteers are needed to help run Radio Guy's which at present broadcasts to the patients on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Older volunteers would be particularly welcome so that the programmes can reflect different tastes. *Enquiries to SCVS or to Mrs M McGlone, Co-ordinator of Voluntary Services, Guy's Hospital (Tel: 407 7600 Extension 2229)*

Social Activities and Old People

A course designed for club leaders, luncheon club organisers, day centre staff etc, will start from 27th September at Morley College, Westminster Bridge Road and will comprise six sessions from 10.00 am - noon. Its purpose is to discuss how to make recreational activities lively and stimulating in the light of the difficulties of handicapped people. *Enquiries to Mary Richardson, Age Concern (Greater London, 54 Knatchbull Road, SE5.*

Annual Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

The annual service for pensioners will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday, 27th October at 3.00 pm;

The 1976 Annual General Meeting
of the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service
will be held on Wednesday 22nd September
at 7 pm at the Peckham Library Hall
600/608 Old Kent Road London SE15.

Sponsored Walk

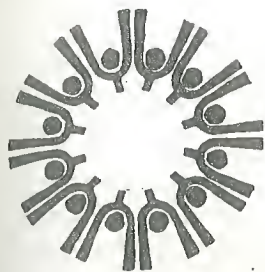
The Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children will be holding a sponsored walk on Sunday 3rd October from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm at the Crystal Palace Park. They need individual walkers, organisations willing to

walk and sponsors. Details available from *Jane Rhodes 670 7520: Ethel Marshall 693 6802 or Peter Simmonds 639 3042.*

Southwark Association for Mental Health

The Maudsley Fete has been fixed for

Saturday, 11th September at 2.00 pm.
Items for Sale: contact Mrs J Birley at 693 2600 (home) or 777 6611 x 108 (work). Prizes for raffles etc. contact D Holton 703 6333. Mr Holton would also welcome those who can man stalls or the gate.



Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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53 Chatham Street, London SE17 1PA

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No 99 October 1976

Subscription 50p

NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

ANNUAL MEETING

One hundred and thirtytwo people signed the attendance forms for the Annual Meeting of the SCVS which was held on Wednesday, 22nd September. With our distinguished guests and staff members added the total attendance must have been in the region of 150, which was gratifying for us. Those who came were able to hear Mr Richard O'Brien talk about the work of the Manpower Services Commission and to question him about it. We were particularly happy to have representatives of some of the larger employers of the borough present and also people from many of the tenants' groups. The "mix" of people was wider than we have been able to achieve in recent years and one which we hope may bode well for our work in the future.

We are concerned with the quality of life in the borough — in all its aspects — and that means concern right across the board. All we have done in the past year relates to the ultimate goal of evolving ways in which we can work in a united way to keep people in touch with one another so that they know that what they feel and know about their work, their homes, their immediate environment and their recreation counts with those who are in the position to make decisions which may influence these things directly or indirectly.

YOUNG MAN ON HIS WAY

It seems to us that hardly a month goes by when we do not have to say Goodbye to someone or other who is moving on to a new field of work. This month we have to announce that Chris Gibbs, who has run the Voluntary Service Bureau for us since October 1971, will be leaving us to take a full time post with the Ealing Social Services Department. Chris will be working with volunteers in that borough as part of a team which works within the Social Services structure and no doubt it will be a change for him to be part of a team instead of having to work in isolation. We wish him every good fortune in his new job.

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SCVS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 13th October — 8.00 pm

Housing Interest Group Meeting

Thursday, 21st October — 2.30 pm

Forward Planning Group for Information & Advice

Tuesday, 2nd November — 6.00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 9th November — 7.30 pm

Review Body for Information & Advice Services

All at 53 Chatham Street, SE17 1PA except the Review Body meeting, the venue for which has yet to be settled.

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JOINT COMMITTEE, ST JOHN & RED CROSS WAR DISABLED HELP DEPARTMENT

This Committee no longer exists but meetings of the Club still take place at the British Red Cross Southwark Centre, 160 Peckham Rye, SE22 (In the charge of Mrs B Durrant-Cooke, SRN)

693 4512

JOINT DOCK ACTION GROUP

237 2872

Chairman: Ted Johns, 27 Skeggs House, Glengall Grove Millwall, E14

Comprised of local groups who have joined together to fight for all Dockland. All meetings currently held on first Wed of the month at 58 Watney Street, E1.

In Southwark:—

SURREY DOCKS ACTION GROUP

Secretary: Dolphi Burkens, Lady Gomm House, 165 Abbeyfield Road, SE16 237 2872

NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Secretary: Maureen Clark, 108 Great Guildford Street, SE1 829 8165

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47 Addington Square, SE5 7LB 701 3129
Director: Brian O'Leary

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Infant Head — Mrs Yvonne Lloyd

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Head — L W Bull

POLITICAL

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Details from Mr T Devlin, Dulwich Conservative Association Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23

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Borough Treasurer Gerald Corless IPFA
Director of Social Services Delete K W Sellick MBASW, MISW

p 77 King's Community Health Council
75 Denmark Hill, SE5 8RS 703 9498

p 88 HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS
London & Quadrant Housing Trust
179 Deptford High Street, SE8 692 7224

Additional Housing Associations covering Southwark

Eliot Housing Association
209 Greenwich High Road

Family Housing Association
189a Old Brompton Road, SW5

Guinness Trust
5 Iveagh House, Ormond Yard

Help the Aged Housing Association
97 St Aldgates, Oxford

Hyde and Southbank Housing Association
29 Leegate, Lee Green, SE12

Rowe Housing Trust
138 Portobello Road, W11

Shackleton Housing Association
8 Station Building, Catford Road, SE6

Sutton Dwellings Trust
Swan Court, Waterhouse Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts

Thames Housing Association
182 King Street, W6

Utopian Housing Association
2/4 Clerkenwell Green

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'M' Division Juvenile Bureau, Metropolitan Police,
Camberwell Police Office, 22a Camberwell Church St., SE5 8QU
703 0866 x 50

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Delete The Rev J H McKenna

The Plight of the Pre-School Playgroups

On June 8th 1976 Southwark Social Services Committee agreed to proposals put forward by the Social Services Department, in conjunction with Southwark Pre-School Playgroup Association, which would give a total of £28,990 to approximately 40 member playgroups.

Of the 40 groups quoted, 30 will receive a direct grant which will pay playleaders a salary of £2.40 per session and assistants £1.90 per session. A substantial contribution to rent, together with a small allowance for materials and equipment and other incidentals is also made. An additional sum of money is available to pay, for the first time ever, a contribution towards the cost of training playgroup staff and a further sum is set aside to pay for free places for children and families in great need.

£5,000 of the total of £28,990 is being found by the LB of Southwark. This means that the main bulk of the £23,990 is Urban Aid, originally granted for five years in 1970 and subsequently extended for one further year, to end in March 1977. If there is no further Urban Aid available Southwark playgroups will have exactly £5,000 per annum to cover all costs.

As it is, Southwark playleaders are among the lowest paid in the whole of Inner London. At the last Annual Meeting the Inner London P.P.A. in June 1975 a Resolution was passed recommending that the basic rate per session (normally anything from 2½ - 3½ hours, including the time taken to get out and put away equipment) should be £4. During the last twelve months several boroughs, especially those north of the river, have gone all or part of the way towards implementing that recommendation. Southwark's grant only covers an increase of 51 pence per session — ie from £1.89 to £2.40.

Many of the groups in the borough work in poor, depressing surroundings and buildings. The staff work hard to offer the children and parents who join their groups a reasonable standard of play and a sense of friendship and companionship. They all have to spend a lot of time and energy on fundraising in order to pay their way.

If Urban Aid comes to an end and the borough does not shoulder the financial responsibility for the playgroups they will come to an end. They cannot survive on the present level of grant-aid and without support the contribution they make towards pre-school provision will be lost.

BEFRIENDERS AGAIN

After their very successful training course for Befrienders which was held last year, the Southwark Association for Mental Health will be offering a chance for anyone who missed it or who has not previously thought of becoming a befriender to join another course on the same lines which they will be running at the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, SE5 on Thursday evenings from 7th Oct - 11th Nov. Subjects covered include a film "Mental Health - who cares?"; Mental Illness - the Problems; Friends in Need; Old and Young at risk in the Community; Befriending - some Practical Problems and Befriending - Some Personal Problems. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs J Birley, 133 Sydenham Hill, SE26 6LW. Tel: 777 6611 (work) or 693 2600 (home).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC

The Society of Voluntary Associates
125 Kennington Park Road, SE11 4JJ 735 9598

Special Event at the Bishops House Day Nursery Institute for Research into Mental and Multiple Handicap - Community Resources Centre

The Resource Centre on Handicap in Children is having an open week at Bishops House Day Nursery, Kennington Park Place, SE11 from Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October. The Centre will be open from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Monday, from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm on Friday of that week.

The following resources will be available:-

Books and journals on various aspects of handicap.

Information about voluntary societies.

Subject files containing booklets, reprints, book lists, research reports etc. on autism, asthma, behaviour modification, cerebral palsy, equipment and clothing, cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, families of handicapped children, haemophilia, integration, language difficulties, legislation, mental handicap, neuro-muscular diseases, play and special toys, sex education, special education, spina bifida, visual and hearing handicap etc.

Study and reference material on (a) observation, recording and assessment and (b) communication with the deaf, with the severely subnormal, with the child with language problems.

Exhibition of simple hand-made toys and stimulation material for the young handicapped child.

Visitors are invited to the centre during open hours to use the reference material. Health visitors, medical officers, social workers, day care staff, teachers, playgroup leaders, workers in the voluntary organisations etc. should all find material of interest.

Discussion groups will be held on Tuesday October 26th at 2.00 pm and Thursday October 28th at 12.30 pm on "Observation and Recording" and on Wednesday October 27th at 4.00 pm and Friday October 29th at 10.00 am on "Planning a toy for a Child with a Special Need". These will be small and informal groups and for the second you are asked to bring something you have devised or a particular problem to be discussed.

The staff involved are Dr Jessie Parfitt and Mrs Megan Jobling.

THE PROVIDENT HOUSING SOCIETY LTD

The Camberwell Society has now been able to make arrangements to take over the Provident Housing Society Ltd (which had become inactive) and set up a new committee to run it as a Camberwell based housing association. The new address and management has been registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies and it is likely that the title of the body will be changed later in order to indicate its local connections. The Chairman of the Society is Jim Tanner, Vice-Chairman Ian Tregarthen-Jenkin and Secretary Miss Rosalind Nash. Members of the Committee include Michael Ivan, David Main, Sally Stockley and Julie Bloomfield. One member of the original Society, a quantity surveyor, has agreed to join the new committee.

The Provident Housing Society has already received one offer of work from local people skilled in rehabilitation and building work and if anyone has ideas, comments or offers of help the committee would be glad to hear from them. The Secretary can be reached c/o the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, Peckham Road, SE5.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Southwark Association for Mental Health is always in need of more volunteers to help with their Nearly New Shop in Lordship Lane. They particularly need people to help with the late opening on Friday between 5.30 and 7.00. Clothing, shoes, handbags and hats which are in good condition are also always wanted for the shop.

The Camberwell Credit Union

A Credit Union is a group of people with a common bond who save together in order to get better value from their money. The common bond may be eg employment by the same employer, membership of the same church, club or association or living in the same neighbourhood. By saving together it is possible to make loans available to members of the Group at a low rate of interest. Interest earned from loans (less expenses) is paid back to the members as a dividend. These groups of people or unions are part of an international movement with a good reputation and a long and successful history.

The Camberwell Credit Union is a neighbourhood credit union serving Camberwell, Peckham and Walworth and is a member of the Credit Union League of Great Britain.

The Camberwell CU is owned by its members and managed by the Board of Directors elected by the members at the Annual Meeting.

The Camberwell Credit Union offers:-

- * Shares in the Union of £1 value purchased by instalments of anything over 25p.
- * Dividends yearly on the shares.
- * The possibility of loans at an interest rate of 1% per month on what you actually owe (true annual rate 12%).
- * Life insurance on your shares; shares bought up to the age of 55 are doubled in the event of death (age 55-70 the amount added is between 75% and 25%).
- * Loan protection insurance wipes out anything you owe at death before age 70.
- * Fellowship in a common purpose.
- * Something worth learning about and working for.

To find out more about the CCU go to the crypt of St Giles' Church, Camberwell Church Street, SE5 any Friday evening between 7.30 pm and 9.30 pm and meet members and officers and see the Union at work or telephone Mrs B Manning (732 9461); the Rev Jack Pawsey (701 4319) or Mrs R Wilson (703 5977).

HARMONY IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

A local branch of 'Harmony' - the self-help organisation for inter-racial families - is being established by Mrs Mary Ogbogoh of 132 Algernon Road, Lewisham. The group will organise social, political and educational events and there are hopes that a youth branch may also be formed later.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Since the last issue of this Newsletter we have had news of the movement of various people.

The Rev John Austin formerly Missioner at the Pembroke College Mission, Tatum Street has gone to be Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese of St Albans.

The Rev Christopher Gonin formerly Rector of St Mary Newington has taken up a post with the Marriage Guidance Council in Bristol.

Superintendent Betty Reid formerly Community Liaison Officer has been appointed Deputy Commandant of the Metropolitan Police Recruit Training School at Hendon. She is succeeded by **Chief Inspector Edward Crew**.

The new Deputy Town Clerk, **Mr John Brian Parker**, will be arriving to begin work in the borough at the end of October. He comes here from Reading.

UNITED NATIONS WEEK SOUTHWARK BOROUGH PROGRAMME

Saturday 23rd October 10.15 for 10.30 am

CEREMONY OF THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FLAG over the Town Hall

9.30 am JUNIOR FILM SHOW at Kingswood Library
Seeley Drive, SE21

8.00 pm ROUND THE WORLD IN MUSIC at St John's
Church, Meetinghouse Lane. Southwark Concert Orchestra
and Southwark Singers

Sunday 24th October – UNITED NATIONS DAY

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION at St Giles' Church,
Camberwell Church Street, SE5.

Monday 25th October

8.00 pm HUMAN SETTLEMENTS – talk by Foster Murphy
at Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane.

Tuesday 26th October – HABITAT Exhibition of some aspects of
housing in Southwark and around the world at the United
Reformed Church, East Dulwich Grove.

Wednesday 27th October

8.00 pm INTERNATIONAL EVENING at 69 Central
Hill, SE19.

Thursday 28th October

7.30 pm INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL EVENING arranged
by Southwark Council for Community Relations at 137 Camberwell
Road, SE5.

Friday 29th October

7.30 pm INTERNATIONAL COFFEE EVENING for
overseas students at John Marshall Hall, Blackfriars Road.

Saturday 30th October

10.30 am JUNIOR FILM SHOW at Rotherhithe Library,
Albion Street, SE16.

1.30 pm INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH at Alleyn's
School, Townley Road, SE22.

Sunday 31st October

10.45 for 11.00 am UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE
at the United Reformed Church, East Dulwich Grove.

Full information about the above events is available from the
Information Office, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 (703 6311). Most
events are admission free.

GENERAL MATTERS

CONFERENCES, COURSES & MEETINGS

The London Council of Social Service has issued its new list
of training courses etc. "The Community and the Social
Services – Opportunities for Learning" which may be obtained
from them at 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR (388 0241) at 30p
a copy. This contains a comprehensive, classified list of
training courses covering the whole of the London area.

The Greater London Citizens Advice Bureau Service Ltd
announce that their schedule of courses for the year 1976/77
is now available and can be supplied for a fee of £2.

Morley College

15th/19th November - Citizens' Rights Workshop
(in conjunction with Blackfriars Settlement)
Fee: £2.25

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

17th November SE London Legal Action Group
7.30 pm at The Albany, Creek Road, SE8
Speaker to be announced
20th November The Circle Trust
Speaker: Judge Jean Graham Hall
Time and place to be announced

THE FUTURE OF THE URBAN AID PROGRAMME

The Standing Conference of Councils of Voluntary Service
is one of the bodies which has been discussing the possibility of
substituting some alternative system of aid to inner urban areas
when the Urban Aid Programme comes to an end. Through
them we have now been reliably informed that there will be one
final phase in the Urban Aid Programme, the Circular for which
will be issued in November and the endorsement of schemes
is expected to come through late in January.

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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

URBAN AID - Some clarification

The future of the Urban Aid Programme has been of great concern to those of us concerned with voluntary organisations for some time now. The National Council of Social Service, the London Council of Social Service and many other bodies have been discussing with the Home Office the possibilities of alternative schemes which might be introduced when the Urban Programme comes to an end. These discussions continue and it is clear that the Government has not yet come to any final decision about what could or might replace the Urban Programme in the field of special provision for areas of concentrated deprivation.

Several things have now been clarified. The first is that the next Circular will be issued at the end of November and that this will be the final one of the series. Originally it was expected that the closing date for applications under this circular would be some time in January but we now know that it will most probably be the end of February. It would appear that the delays which have occurred have been due to the fact that the whole process is linked with negotiations over the Rate Support Grant.

Secondly, it seems to be clear that the money set aside in the estimates published for the Programme will allow for the continuing over a further five year period of those schemes *for which the local authority is willing to give its percentage support*. We have therefore been advised that those whose grants under the Urban Programme are coming to the point where renewal will be necessary should consult the local authority about their continued willingness to give support.

Finally, we are told that the terms of the next phase will be very wide and we would therefore suggest that those who have in mind the provision of summer playschemes etc (for which there will no longer be a separate scheme) should be thinking now (i) about making an application under the next phase and (ii) about raising or finding alternative finance for schemes for the summer of 1977.

Review Body for Advice & Information Services

It has now been possible for the Forward Planning Group to complete the arrangements for a meeting of the Review Body at which they will report back on their work to date and ask for a further mandate from those who are directly concerned with the provision of services in the borough. The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in Room 71 at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 on Tuesday, 9th November.

Staff Changes

Now that Chris Gibbs has left us to take up his new post with the LB of Ealing Social Services Department matters concerned with the Voluntary

Service Bureau will, for the time being, be dealt with by Mrs Wallis. Mrs Wallis has been with the SCVS since 1973 so she knows a good deal about the affairs of the bureau and will make every effort to deal with all enquiries as constructively as possible.

The General Secretary will be leaving the SCVS at the end of the year to take up the post of Field Services Liaison Officer with the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux. Advertisements for the post have appeared or will be appearing in various publications but informal enquiries will be welcomed both by the Secretary and the Chairman. The closing date for applications is 19th November.

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 1 Rushworth Street, SE1 928 9521
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 ADD Adult Literacy Scheme
Children & Youth Work
 Delete Summer Play Scheme
 ADD Holiday Play Schemes
 Delete Clubs for ESN Children
 ADD Small Group Clubs
 Thurs (Boys Group) 6.30 - 9.00 pm
 Delete Sue Sinclair ADD Joy Gamble
Education & Training
 Delete Jenny Stiles ADD Andrew Mann
- p 17 **ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSN & BRIGADE**
 338 Peckham
 Supt H Hunt, 16 Harfield Gardens, Peckham, SE15
 Meet Marie Curie Hall, Sceaux Gardens, SE15
 Wednesday 7.30 pm
- p 31 **ONE O'CLOCK CLUBS**
 For all details contact the Play Officer, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.
- p 30 **DAY NURSERIES**
 Delete Queens Road Day Nursery
 ADD Whitstable Day Nursery, Stevens St, SE1 3BX 403 0056
 Miss S Wright
- p 41 **COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS**
 Kingsdale (Mixed), Alleyn Park, SE21
 DELETE Mr S G Rees ADD D A Crispin, BSc
- p 67 **SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**
 Delete K W Sellick, MBASW, MISW
 ADD John Briggs
- p 66 **BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS**
 Deputy Town Clerk ADD John B Parker, LLB (London)
- p 68 **COMMUNITY WORKERS**
 DELETE Miss Ann Dufton
 Miss Christine Barnham
 Mrs Veronica Ward
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
 DELETE — GUYS
 Chief Environmental Officer: DELETE K Goddard
 ADD D J Wells
- p 84 **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS**
 Delete Woodvale Residents' and Ratepayers' Association
 This is now part of the East Dulwich Society
- p 88 **HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS**
 Shackleton Housing Association Ltd
 4 Waldram Park Road, Forest Hill, SE23 291 0220
- p 95 **AREA III**
 Bermondsey Group Time & Talents
 3 Prestwood House,
 Drummond Road, SE16 Thursday 6.30 pm

LOCAL MATTERS

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We await with interest the arrival of the new Director of Social Services, Mr John Briggs, who will be taking up his appointment in the new year. Mr Briggs comes to Southwark from Solihull where he has been for the last three years Deputy Director of Social Services. Mr Briggs comes from a background of the child care service having become involved in social work in the first place through his wife fostering a child. He was Superintendent of a Children's Home for Warwickshire County Council in 1966 and later became a Senior Child Care Officer with responsibility for a caseload of 600. In 1971 he became an Area Social Worker for Solihull under their system of Team Management, and became Assistant Director in 1972. He has represented the Director of Social Services on the West Midlands Children's Management Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to extend the warmest welcome to Mr Briggs and wish him every good fortune for the future.

An old friend who is retiring on 3rd November from his work with the Association of London Housing Estates is Wally MacFarlane. Wally, who was for 25 years a steel-erector, was a product of the depression, experiencing the work-house after his family was evicted following a rent strike in Glasgow. In 1938 he received the Tolpuddle Medal for his services to the Trade Union Movement. He has been a Council tenant for 37 years. We extend every good wish to him for a happy and fruitful retirement.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SAMH

The Annual Fete which the Southwark Association for Mental Health held this year proved to be a winner, bringing in £1938 for their funds. The Committee of SAMH has decided that of this money £200 is to go to the Windsor Walk Housing Association, £1,000 to the Camberwell Rehabilitation Association and a total of £334 to the Children's Department of the Maudsley Hospital ie £84 for a tent and £250 for new swings.

All friends of the Association will wish to join in congratulating them on the magnificent success of their efforts.

Possible Premises

The Elmfield Charitable Trust is negotiating for 4,500 square feet of modern office accommodation to be available to voluntary organisations (rooms of about 200 square feet). Rent approximately £3 per square foot. Inquiries to : — Commander R K Hudson, 53 Elmfield Road, SW17 8AF (703 9611).

ENGLISH TUITION FOR IMMIGRANTS' TRUST

The Trust provides information on where to find Tutors, Groups and Classes provided by the statutory services, private language schools, educational trusts and voluntary tutor schemes. Write, telephone or call at 31 Clapham Road, SW9 0JD [582 7078].

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR WORK WITH CHILDREN

Educational Holidays, which is described as a non-profit making organisation providing Community, therapeutically oriented holidays for children aged 5 to 16, have asked us to publicise their need for volunteers. They are looking for people over the age of 16½ who would be able and willing to take on work in any of the following categories:—

Weekend Workers

Residential (Resident Friday nights currently)

Weekend Workers

Non-residential

Weekday Admin Volunteers

Qualified Soccer Instructors/Teachers/Coaches

One evening a week

Holiday Volunteers: Residential

For one week during any school holiday

Youth Club Voluntary Leaders/Assistant Leaders

One night a week

Fund-raising Volunteers

Anyone feeling that they could undertake such work on a regular, long-term basis is asked to write to *Peter Mountfield, Organiser, Educational Holidays, 26 Barry Road, SE22 OHU enclosing a SAE in the first instance.*

CIRCLE TRUST AGM

We have now been informed that the Annual General Meeting of the Circle Trust, at which the Guest Speaker is to be Judge Jean Graham Hall, will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 29th November at the Aylesbury Day Centre.

THE COLD WEATHER IS COMING

You are reminded that Age Concern, Southwark is always looking for supplies of blankets and warm clothing to give to their old people. They do what they can out of their Amenity Fund but the demand always exceeds the supply, so keep them in mind when you are turning out those cupboards!

We have done a great deal of checking of Tenants' Associations and now publish the most up-to-date and accurate list which we have been able to compile.

TENANTS' ASSOCIATIONS — SOUTHWARK GROUP

* affiliated to ALHE

* ASCO

Secretary: Mrs Chaplin
35 Palamon Court, Coopers Rd, SE1

* BRANDON II To be DELETED

* BRANDON III

Secretary: Mrs Gains

30 Kirwyn Way, SE5

Secretary: Mrs Wakeman

Chairman: Mr Wakeman

Details of officers awaited

Mr M Haylett

19 Leconfield House, E Dulwich Estate, SE22

Secretary: Mr Cox

Secretary: Miss E Smith

43 Glazebrook Close, Croxted Rd., SE21 8RP

* BRAYARDS

* CAMDEN

* CHAMPION HILL

* CONGREVE

* CROXTED ROAD

* EAST DULWICH ROAD (KINGS) To be DELETED

* DODDINGTON To be DELETED

* EAST DULWICH

DELETE Mr D Sullivan

* GROVE VALE To be DELETED

* HEYGATE

Chairman: Mr C Wheeler

118 Kingshill, Brandon Street, SE17

Secretary: Mr T Richie

21 Seeley Drive, SE21

Mr Alan Clarke

15 Sarnfield House, Ledbury Estate, SE15

Mr W Ford

17 Lyle House, SE1

Treasurer: Mr B J Broom

48 Loanda House, Linden Grove Estate, SE15

Secretary: Mrs H Sullivan

46 Beech House, Ainsty Estate, SE16

Chairman: Miss S Fletcher

12 Walsham House, Bronti Close, SE17

Mrs Johnson

11 Martin House, Rockingham Estate, SE1

Mr T D James

6 Ruskin Park House, Champion Hill, SE5

Mr D Loakes

7 Waveney House, SE15

Mrs P Garratt

22b Empingham House, Chilton Grove, SE8

* KINGSWOOD

* LEDBURY

* LAWSON

* LINDEN GROVE

MAYFLOWER

* NELSON

* ROCKINGHAM

RUSKIN PARK

* RYE HILL

PLOUGH

RYE LANE WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mrs V Barran

26 Holly Grove, SE15

LAPSEWOOD TENANTS' ASSOCIATION replaces SYDENHAM TENANTS' ASSN.

Secretary: Mrs A Anderson

It has not yet been possible to confirm information on the following TA's:—
CAMDEN: COLEGROVE: CLUNY: DODDINGTON: DRAPER: FOUR SQUARE:
GATEWAY: GLEBE: GRANGE: CHARSTON/LARCOM STREET: MANOR:
MERROW/ARNSIDE: PELICAN: REDMAN: ST JAMES: SILWOOD: SOUTHWARK
STREET: TABARD: TISSINGTON: WYNDHAM: DOUGLAS/ILFRACOMBE.

Southwark Playground Association
c/o Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5 OHF

You are invited to

The annual general meeting

which will be held on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at the

TOWN HALL, PECKHAM ROAD, SE5

at 8.00 pm

Speaker: HAROLD MARCHANT

"Community Participation - the involvement of local people in Playgrounds"

GENERAL MATTERS

CHANGE OF OFFICER, NAME OR ADDRESS

Central Council for Education & Training in
Social Work

PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

Tony Gardner

SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER

Ed Pritchard

Family Welfare Association

DIRECTOR Robert E Morley

National Fund for Research into Crippling
Diseases (Action for the Crippled Child)

DIRECTOR Col A N Brearley-Smith

Pre-School Playgroups Association

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
GREATER LONDON AREA

Liz Chambers

Save the Children Fund

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ADVISER

Alison Cook

Shelter

HOUSING DIRECTOR Neil McIntosh

Standing Conference of Councils for
Voluntary Service

CHAIRMAN Pam Warren

Young Women's Christian Association

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Cadbury Whitcomb

Albany Trust

Victoria Chambers, 16/20 Strutton Ground,
SW1P 2HP [222 0271/2]

Disablement Income Group;

Attlee House, Toynbee Hall,
28 Commercial Street, E1 [247 2128]

National Elfrida Rathbone Society,
83 Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3LG.

GLCABS After Hours Telephone Service

The Greater London Citizens' Advice Bureau
Service is now operating an after hours telephone
inquiry service. It operates from 6.00 pm to

10.00 pm every evening, including Saturdays
and Sundays. The service is staffed by a rota of
trained and experienced workers from London
bureaux. As well as providing an additional
facility for members of the public who are unable
to call at a CAB during normal hours, or who
need some immediate help, GLCABS sees the new
service as a back up to existing special after hours
advice agencies. Other after hours services in
more specialised fields, such as drug problems,
and legal rights will also be able to use the service
if they need information to help with aspects of
their clients' problems.

*The numbers for the after hours inquiry service
are 240 0910 and 240 2997.*

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Charity Christmas Card Council has issued
a statement confirming that it is totally opposed
to any kind of inertia selling of Christmas Cards.
It points out that there is no need for those who
receive unsolicited goods to pay for them.

People who have been inconvenienced in this
way are invited to send their comments to the
Charity Christmas Card Council at 1 Long Acre
WC2E 9LH.

The 1976 list of Christmas cards for good causes
is now available from the CCCC, as well as
illustrated brochures of cards and gifts on sale
by its member charities.

The charity card supermarket organised by the
CCCC at the Royal Exchange, EC2 is open
Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm;
Saturday 10.00 - 11.30 am. until 17th Decem-
ber. Cards for organisations concerned with
health and social services are on display at the
King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, NW1
Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 5.30 pm until
18th December.

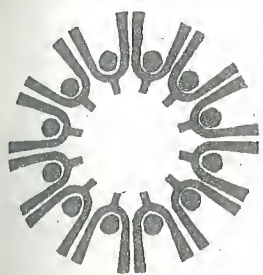
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Urban Aid - Correction

We have now been informed by the National Council of Social Service that the renewal period for Urban Aid Grants which are expiring will not be five years but *one year only*.

Review Body for Information and Advice Services

The recent meeting of the Review Body received a report from the Forward Planning Group of the work it has been doing on behalf of the Review Body. It was agreed that the Forward Planning Group should be reconstituted as follows:—

4 Representatives from the full-time non-statutory agencies ie:—

The Advice Centre in the Blue
Blackfriars Information Action Support
Citizens' Advice Bureau
Cambridge House Legal Advice Centre

1 Representative from a part-time non-statutory agency ie:—

Bellenden Neighbourhood Information & Advice Centre

1 Representative from a specialist non-statutory agency ie:—

Age Concern, Southwark

1 Representative from the GLC/LBS Multidisciplinary Advice Centre, Lordship Lane

1 Representative from the Town Clerk's Department

1 Representative from the Social Services Department

1 Representative from the Housing Department

1 Representative from the Information Service, Spa Rd Library

The Group to be serviced by the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service. All members of the Group have equal status and full voting rights.

Southwark Law Project

The staff for both arms of the project, ie that in Bermondsey at the Advice Centre in the Blue and that in East Dulwich at the GLC/LBS Advice Centre, have now been recruited (with the exception of the secretaries) and will be in post by the 1st December. Two solicitors and a CAB worker will be working from East Dulwich but there will be a delay before the third solicitor, community lawyer, administrator and CAB worker can move to Bermondsey because the new premises of the Advice Centre in the Blue are not yet ready for occupation. It is hoped that they will be so by January; meanwhile the team will continue to work from the Walworth Project offices, 38 Braganza St., SE17 [582 1223].

LOCAL MATTERS

New Industrial Chaplain

The South London Industrial Mission have appointed their first full-time Roman Catholic Chaplain to the team. He is the Rev Peter J Fitzgibbon, 72 Paradise Street, SE16, and he will have special responsibility for the Surrey Docks area.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

7.30 pm

Southwark Cathedral

For full information:
Crisis at Christmas, St Vincents
85 Carlisle Place, SW1
834 3006

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FAMILY GROUPS

The Social Services Committee of the LB of Southwark has re-formed its working party on the under fives.

This will be examining all forms of provision within the borough, and will be consulting people working in this field. The working party wants to understand how mothers see the situation, and to recognise the needs of the mothers themselves. To this end it will be of value to learn about mothers' groups that have been formed, whether under statutory or voluntary sponsorship.

Would anyone running a group for young mothers please write to
Richard Edwards, Social Services Dept.,
Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1,
and tell him why the group was formed
and when and where they meet.

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CONSOLIDATED LIST OF AMENDMENTS

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Waterloo Action Centre
Delete St Alphege's Youth Centre
ADD Pickwick Youth Community Centre, 1 Rushworth Street,
SE1 928 952.1
Adult & Family Services
ADD Adult Literacy Scheme
Children & Youth Work
Delete Summer Play Scheme ADD Holiday Play Schemes
Delete Clubs for ESN Children ADD Small Group Clubs
Thursday (Boys' Group)
Delete Sue Sinclair ADD Joy Gamble 6.30 - 9.00 pm
Education & Training
Delete Jenny Stiles ADD Andrew Mann
- 3 Delete Entry BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION APPEAL
BROOK ADVISORY CENTRE
Organiser: Jane Barker
- 4 AGE CONCERN, Southwark
Organising Secretary: Mrs Eileen McNally
Delete all references to chiropody
- 5 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MISSION
Warden: I J 'Snowy' Davoll
- 7 CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP
Area Representative: C J Lait, Esq., 15 Penrose Street, SE17 701 0257
- 10 FREDDIE MILLS BOYS CLUB
Enquiries to Mr T W Speight, 68a Beauval Road, SE22 8UP 735 3462
INDEPENDENT ADOPTION ASSOCIATION
Director: Miss M C James
Community worker: Paul Sallon Davies
- 11 INVALID CHILDREN'S AID ASSOCIATION
Delete local address
126 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 9SB 730 9891
JOHN GERARD HOUSE
Club Secretary: Mgr Reynolds
JOINT COMMITTEE, ST JOHN & RED CROSS WAR DISABLED
HELP DEPARTMENT
This Committee no longer exists. Club meetings take place at the
British Red Cross Centre, 160 Peckham Rye, SE22 (in the charge
of Mrs B Durrant Cooke, SRN) 693 4512
JOINT DOCK ACTION GROUP
Chairman: Ted Johns, 27 Skeggs House, Glengall Grove, Milwall, E14.
Comprised of local groups who have joined together to fight for all
Dockland. All meetings currently held on 1st Wednesday of the
month at 58 Watney Street, E1.
In Southwark:-
SURREY DOCKS ACTION GROUP
Secretary: Dolphi Burkens, Lady Gomm House,
165 Abbeyfield Rd, SE16 237 2872
NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Secretary: Maureen Clark
108 Great Guildford Street, SE1 928 8165
- 12 MANOR METHODIST CHURCH & CENTRE
Minister: The Rev P Luscombe
Delete P Sopsford
- 13 NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY
TO CHILDREN
Area Officer: Mr Farncombe
- 14 PEMBROKE HOUSE
Delete The Rev John Austin
- 16 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Delete Camberwell Branch
Southwark Branch
Secretary: Mrs Cantellow
- 16 ST GILES' CENTRE
Co-ordinator: Adrian Speller
- 17 ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION & BRIGADE
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SOUTHWARK TRADES COUNCIL CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN

As a further step in their Child Care Campaign, the Southwark Trades Council are planning an event to publicise the issues as they see them, possibly to be held on a Saturday in the New Year. They feel that they should aim at something which is enjoyable as well as informative and something which both children and parents could attend. They are asking organisations to take part by running stalls explaining their work and displaying examples of models, painting, handicrafts etc. done by children. There is to be an initial planning meeting for the event on 1st December at 8.00 pm at Lansbury House, 41 Camberwell Grove, SE5 and anyone who is interested but has not received an invitation to this might ask the Secretary of the Women's Committee, Linda Smith (733 9038 - evenings; 948 2271 - daytime) whether they can take part.

NEW SOUTH LONDON REGIONAL OFFICER for the National Association for Gifted Children

Christine Radcliffe, a former teacher who recently completed a Diploma course in Child Development at London University, has been given the task of extending the work of the Association in South London.

The aim is to involve families who may not have heard of the Association up to now but who need help in extending bright children or in understanding their problems. These often occur at the pre-school stage when it can be difficult to diagnose unusual behaviour patterns as being related to high intelligence. Such children can be so active during waking hours that occupying them fully subjects their parents to great stress.

The Association, through their Regional Officer, would like to make contact with families, help them to understand their children and to realise that others have similar difficulties. Anyone who wishes to have more information about the work of the Association is invited to contact Christine Radcliffe at the National Association for Gifted Children, 1 South Audley Street, W1Y 5DQ Tel: 499 1188/1189.

GENERAL MATTERS SOCIETY OF VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATES

From 3rd January 1977 R P Kay will working as the full-time organiser for the Society of Voluntary Associates, 125 Kennington Park Road, SE11 4JJ (735-9598).

The Voluntary Associates give their services by visiting men and women on remand or convicted persons in prison, borstal, detention centres or in hospital; as outside 'contacts', helping to maintain the tenuous link with the family; as ordinary friends providing a warm relationship for those who otherwise would be isolated and support when the ex-offender fails himself; by offering practical assistance in finding work or lodgings; as counsellors or advisers on a multitude of subjects such as family budgeting or social security. As organisers and supervisors of community work for offenders on community service orders.

COURSES

Getting the Most out of Groups
January 26/27 Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, SW7 10.00am-4.00 pm
Fee £5 includes lunch, tea and coffee.
Applications to Valerie Wheeler, London Council of Social Service by 10th December 1976.

Community Development with Retired People

Morley College and the London Council of Social Service are contemplating a course on this subject if there is sufficient interest. You are asked to get in touch with Pat Taylor, Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1 if you would like such a course.

Conflicts in Urban Development
ten weekly evening meetings from 18 January. Fee £2. Enquiries to Adult Education, Centre for Arts & Related Studies, City University St John Street, EC1V 4PB.

Citizens' Rights Course
12 weekly afternoon sessions from 12th January at Livingstone House, NE London Polytechnic. Fee £13.50
Enquiries to Mrs B Brown, Special Course Officer, NELP, Livingstone House, Livingstone Road, Stratford, E15 2LL [534 7825 x 6].

BOOKS IN THE HOUSING FIELD Behind with the Rent

A study of council tenants in rent arrears. National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1..... 35p

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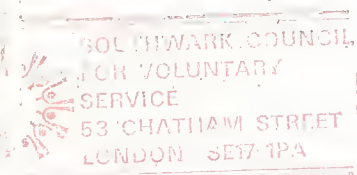
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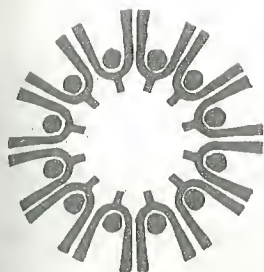
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NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

A New Face on the Scene

The SCVS has offered the post of General Secretary to M/s Sharon Collins, who is currently working as an Information Officer with the CHC News, and it is hoped that it will be possible for her to start work some time in February.

M/s Collins is a graduate of York University and has had a varied experience, much of it directly relevant to the work of a Council for Voluntary Service. She was employed at the Albany, Deptford for over 4 years,

for one of which she was Acting Director, and has been involved in various capacities with a number of voluntary agencies, some of which are in our borough. She is a member of the Finance and GP Committee of the British Association of Settlements, a member of the Council of Blackfriars Settlement and Chairman of Combination at the Albany (community theatre etc.).

Co-Ordination and Co-Operation

As the initial part of the Co-ordination exercise which we have been trying to build up, voluntary agencies were asked to complete a questionnaire. Many complied with the request to do this and some listed matters with which they felt they needed help. Now that all the completed questionnaires have been processed we hope to move into the next phase of the operation, which will involve looking at these requests and seeing what can be done to meet the needs expressed.

Affiliation Fees

We sent out a request for the payment of affiliation fees with an earlier issue of this Newsletter. A total of 31 of our members have responded by paying their fees promptly and to these people we express our thanks.

One or two small and frail bodies have asked to be excused payment and we understand their difficulties.

For the remaining 86, we once again politely request that they let us have the £3 fee as soon as possible, bearing in mind that the affiliation year runs from July to June.

Help keep the PHLAG Flying

WANTED a new voluntary organiser for the physically handicapped leisure activities group (PHLAG).

The idea of PHLAG stemmed from a small study, carried out in 1973, which focussed on the leisure activities of twenty physically handicapped people under the age of

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40 who were living in Southwark. The author, Michael Dancer was at the time a Social Work student resident at Bede House. Despite variation in the degree of disability of those included in the study, most of them were keen to get out more often.

Features which militated against this were the need for special transport and the high cost of hiring it coupled with the need for detailed knowledge of places of interest, and entertainment, which could accommodate the physically handicapped.

PHLAG was established in October 1974 to give a group of physically handicapped people the opportunity to go out on a regular basis to places of interest. Funds were raised to subsidise the cost of transport, and the organiser, Mike Dancer, brought a considerable store of knowledge and experience to the task of identifying suitable activities and venues.

The scheme has been operating for two years, with a stable membership of about 10 young people from Southwark and Lambeth.

Most unfortunately, Mike Dancer's other commitments have forced him to give up the role of organiser. This will mean that PHLAG will die if another organiser is not found. Although the long-term aim is to encourage the group to run itself, this stage has not yet been reached.

If you could help or know of someone else who might, please contact *Charles Woodd, Bede House, 351 Southwark Park Road, SE16 (237 3881).*

DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

p 20 Ellison House

For Sue Turnbull substitute Sue Ellison

p 30 Area Youth Officer

For Mr R Shearer substitute

Mrs Joan Duff

Southwark Area Youth Office

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701 8559

p 55 Marble Theatre Project

32/34 Camberwell Road, SE5

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p 111 St Mary's Newington

RECTOR: The Rev Father Dominic, CGA

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p 114 St Matthews Vicarage, 81 New Kent Road, SE1

Crossway United Reformed Church, c/o Crossway Church House, Deacon Way, SE17.

p 125 CRUSE Telephone No now 940 4818

p 130 SHELTER now at 157 Waterloo Road, SE1.

LOCAL MATTERS

From the Council Minutes

In reply to a question relating to the number of properties in Council ownership which are fully vacant for periods up to 6 months, 12 months, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years and over, the Vice Chairman of the Housing Committee stated that 'it is not possible to give information on this basis as the statistics on empty properties are not maintained in this way. This information could only be obtained by a manual inspection of the void records which would be very time consuming, and in any case could not be produced in the time available.

The following records on void properties which was prepared on 1st April last does in fact include part void properties, but it is not considered that these form a large proportion of the figures shown:—

1 Properties void up to 6 months	390
2 Properties void for 6/12 months	483
3 Properties void between 1-2 years	648
4 Properties void for more than 2 years	344

giving a total of 1,865 dwellings.

These figures include:—

- 1 Properties void on account of repairs or rehabilitation
- 2 Properties acquired for redevelopment but not for immediate demolition; and
- 3 Properties exempt from void rate

The figures do not however include residential properties which are closed and awaiting demolition.

The Council's housing stock at 1st April last was 34,009 and this void figure given represents 5.5% of this stock.'

In reply to a question on staffing shortages in the Social Work and Community Division of the Social Services Department, the Chairman of the Social Services Committee stated that 'The Social Services Department is the largest in the Council in terms of the number of staff it employs — over 2,500. Despite this, and the large turnover of staff, there had been no study or revision of the recruitment system in the department from the time of its formation. Of particular worry was the fact that there were more leavers than joiners. This became a very critical situation.

The staffing crisis in the Social Work and Community Division made it clear that work was needed and that early in July the Deputy Director convened a small group to totally recast the recruitment procedures. The new procedures are now in operation.

This was essentially a long term measure. In addition, short term action was taken to fill as many vacancies as possible.

The following figures show the progress over recent months.

Date	Leavers	Joiners	Joiners less Leavers
9/8/76	48	20	— 28
16/8/76	53	44	— 9
17/9/76	21	29	+ 8
11/10/76	6	27	+ 21

Over the whole period 1st July to 8th October, 50 people left the division but 70 joined it. Of course, some leavers were going on secondment for training.

There is a very strong control on this situation under the new procedures. Every vacancy is in one of the following categories:—

- (a) Filled, but joiner not in post
- (b) Interview pending
- (c) Advertised
- (d) Under consideration

A full report was given to the Social Services Committee on September 20th which reflected the situation on Friday, September 17th and stated that vacancies were 62. Since that date, vacancies have risen by 1, even allowing for 8 secondments to training on September 30th. The vacancies left to fill (which take into account those joining the department but not yet in post, as well as leavers) have fallen from 61 to 42, and are now less than 10% of establishment.

The drain of social workers has stopped and been reversed. There are 8 less vacancies to fill than there were on September 17th.

The first advertisement under the new procedures closed on Friday, October 8th. There are 42 social worker applicants (of whom 4 are qualified social workers and others who have relevant experience).

The main long term action has been to thoroughly overhaul the recruitment procedures. This has now been put into practice.

While these procedures will be revised in the light of experience, there is no doubt that they represent a vast improvement. A report will be made in due course to the Social Services Committee."

Lambeth, Lewisham & Southwark Group, National Schizophrenia Fellowship

There will be a meeting at 7.00 pm on 14th January, 1977 at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, at which the speaker will be Mr McDowell, Mental Health Advisor to the LB of Southwark Social Services Department. Mr McDowell will talk about the contribution made by the Council to provision for the mentally ill in Southwark. There will also be an opportunity for members to meet a prominent social worker.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The Metropolitan Police 'M' Division Juvenile Bureau organises courses for the public service part of the scheme at each of the three levels. Any youth group in the Borough involved with Duke of Edinburgh Award work interest in using this facility is invited to contact *Derek Black at the Juvenile Bureau, tel: 703 0866 x 54.*

Clowns Concert Party

The Marble Factory theatre company have created a show called the "Clown's Concert Party" which features material from the turn of the century - Dan Leno, Fred Emney, Marie Lloyd, Ella Shields and others, plus a sing-along of songs of the period, as well as later ones. They are funded by the Arts Council so need only expenses - £15 - but even this can sometimes be waived. The show is devised for Old Age Pensioners and for their enjoyment. They can perform anywhere - OAP's in the afternoons. For bookings contact *John Trigger, The Marble Factory, 34 Camberwell Road, SE5.*

'History & the Multi-Racial Society'

A course of lectures to be held at the Frobisher Institute on Wednesday afternoons 2.00 - 4.00 pm from 28th January to 30th March 1977, designed for everyone who wants a foundation of knowledge for living and working in a multi-racial society. Lecturers include George Lamming, Lionel Jeffrey, Richard Hart and Len Bloom. Enquiries and Registration forms from either the Frobisher Institute, Queen's Road Centre, St Mary's Road, SE15 (639 1178) or Jack Pawsey, Talbot Settlement, 48 Addington Square, SE5 (701 4319).

The Volunteer in After-Care

The Society of Voluntary Associates draw attention to a course which will be held at Morley College from 3rd January to 7th February, 1976, consisting of 6 evening sessions and entitled 'The Volunteer in After-Care'. Full details can be obtained from *Mrs E Leahy, The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamstead, Herts. (044 27 74411 x 37).*

Campaign for Homosexual Equality

The Southwark branch of CHE write:-

There can be few sections of the community whose public image is more misleading than that of the homosexual. Few of those who laugh at Larry Grayson or condemn homosexuals as perverted have any idea of the loneliness experienced by many 'gay' people - both men and women. This is because they have been made to feel that there is something shameful in their feelings towards their own sex, live in fear of being found out and so cut themselves off from the warmth of loving relationships that heterosexuals take for granted.

While homosexuals are often dismissed either as ridiculous or corrupt there are many apparently enlightened people who take a more clinical view and regard homosexuality as a psychological problem. This view is based on the assumption that 'gay' people are somehow unnatural. In fact, there is no reason why homosexuality should be a problem. At least one in twenty of the population is homosexual so they can hardly be seen as abnormal. The homosexual's problems

arise from the fact that, from childhood onwards, they are made to feel that their impulses are unnatural or unhealthy. Psycho therapy which proceeds from the assumption that homosexuality is a problem, only perpetuates their feelings of separation and abnormality.

The homosexual finds himself without a place in society which either sees him as corrupt - having perversely chosen to be homosexual - or which believes him to be suffering from an illness. Many repress their feelings, perhaps trying to find salvation in marriage or the belief that it only requires practice to change their nature. Some repress their sexuality altogether and try to find complete fulfilment in their work or other fields, desperately hiding from themselves and others their unhappiness and the increasing sense of emptiness and futility in their lives.

Another possibility is to accept oneself as homosexual and to live a life which is open, avoiding lying and pretence. Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) exists to help homosexuals to achieve this. Essentially a campaigning group which aims to end legal discrimination against homosexuals, CHE now has groups in all major towns and offers social facilities where homosexuals may meet in a relaxed atmosphere. With the emotional support of such a group it is far easier to face hostility which may be encountered during the difficult process of 'coming out' to parents and friends.

A thriving group often plans quite ambitious activities - the Lewisham group has recently completed making a film which tells the story of a young man coming to terms with himself as a homosexual - a story which is typical of many lives. This is one way in which CHE tries to overcome general ignorance and prejudice on the subject of homosexuality. Although homosexual men and women may still encounter abuse or rejection, CHE does not ask for pity for the homosexual: they ask that people should look closely at the myths created by society, which have oppressed them for too long. A new group, the Southwark and Lambeth CHE Group has recently been formed in this area and welcomes new members. They would like to present their case as widely as possible within the area and would be glad to exchange speakers with any local voluntary groups. *The name and address of the Secretary of the Southwark & Lambeth Branch, CHE may be obtained from the SCVS.*

Feet First!

The Area Chiropodist of the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority is looking for volunteers to help to support to help the chiropody service by undertaking simple nail cutting for the elderly and the disabled in order to release the trained chiropodists for work which requires their expertise. Volunteers would be given instruction, supplied with tools and materials and would have their expenses paid. Anyone who feel that they could help in this way is asked to get in touch with *David Sydenham, Area Chiropodist, Area HQ, Lambeth, Southwark & Lewisham AHA, Royal Eye Hospital, St George's Circus, SE1 0BA (928 1801).*

GENERAL MATTERS

Arts for the Handicapped

The Greater London Arts Association is inquiring into ways in which it might help to make the arts more accessible to the handicapped. It is concerned with the handicapped both as spectators and participants, but is particularly interested in opportunities for the handicapped to participate in the arts.

The association's senior arts officer, Robert Whyte, has written to a number of relevant statutory organisations or individuals. Correspondence should be addressed to Robert Whyte, Greater London Arts Association, 25/31 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SF.

Clubs for the Disabled

The Greater London Association for the Disabled has published its fourth directory of clubs. It includes information about 700 clubs and organisations catering for the mentally and physically handicapped and people with multiple handicap. This edition is presented in a slim 80 page A4 volume rather than the two bulk folders of earlier versions. *The directory is available from GLAD, 83 Queensway, W2 5HL, price 40p plus 20p postage.*

ILEA Facilities for Meetings

The ILEA is to waive hiring charges for community groups who want to hold meetings in local schools. The decision is part of the authority's policy to encourage full use of educational premises.

The organisations to benefit will include community associations, tenants' association, residents' groups, neighbourhood councils and community relations councils. They must be non-profit making, have a proper constitution, be open to membership by all or a majority of the inhabitants of the area and not have just a single objective.

The free use of school premises will apply to meetings, and not to social functions such as dances. Groups organising parties for local children however will continue to use school premises free as at present.

Manpower Services Commission - Working Party on Young People and Work

A Working Party under the chairmanship of Mr J Holland of the MSC staff is now in being. Its purpose is to consider programmes of job creation and work experience for young people of 16 - 18 who cannot get a job.

The Working Party is also considering the possibility of a permanently established job creation programme which would apply to adults as well as young people and might, for example

- * provide temporary jobs to ease problems associated with redundancies
- * provide temporary jobs in areas with continuing high unemployment
- * provide temporary jobs to ease particular localised employment problems
- * help 'float off' co-operative and other ventures which will provide permanent jobs in areas with continuing high unemployment.

As part of the review there will be studies of particular issues including Community Service, Workshops and Co-operatives, and the problems of Young Immigrants. A staff group of the National Council of Social Service would be glad to receive comments on unemployment and the role of the voluntary organisations and if any agency is submitting evidence to the MSC Working Party the NCSS would be grateful for a copy of this, to arrive not later than the end of January. The Working Party is to report in March.

To SCVS members and friends:-

Now that the time has come for me to say Goodbye to Southwark, I am conscious (as one always is on these occasions) of all that I hoped to do and have not done.

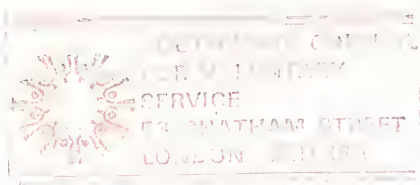
One aim which I had was that I should keep in touch with all the constituent organisations of the SCVS and in this respect I am afraid that I have largely failed. Nonetheless, during my stay in Southwark I have had the pleasure of working with a wide variety of people in all sorts of contexts: I hope all of them will accept my thanks for their help and support and my best wishes to them for the future. When you receive this Newsletter I shall be at work in my new capacity. I hope that I shall be as happy there as I have been in Southwark.

Janet Richards.

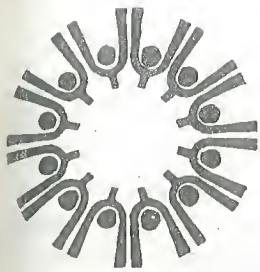
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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

HELLO

To my enormous relief, my predecessor Jean Richards volunteered to compile most of this edition of the Newsletter. She has kindly offered me space to say hello to those of you I hope to be working with in the coming months.

I'm now in post and based at the SCVS in Chatham Street. In my first few months here I'd like to visit as many of the organisations in the borough as I can so any invitations will be gratefully received. And, please, if there are things that you think SCVS should be doing, or developments you'd like us to know about, do let me know.

LOCAL MATTERS

From the Council Minutes

Grants to Voluntary Organisations Serving Greater London 1977/78

The London Boroughs Association have approved a list of voluntary organisations serving the needs of London as a whole and to whom the Greater London Council are empowered under the GLC (General Powers) Act 1970 to make grants on behalf of the London Borough Councils and to recover the total amount from those Councils on the basis of rateable values provided that the total expenditure is agreed to by not less than three-quarters of the number of the Boroughs. The grants proposed in the year 1977/78 amount to £430,000 to which Southwark will contribute approximately £10,743 compared with £10,993 in 1976/77.

Southwark Association for Mental Health

The Southwark Association for Mental Health have a busy and interesting time ahead of them, with a programme of events which combine sociability, information and money raising.

On Friday, 11th February they are holding their Annual Dance at the Institute of Psychiatry, 16 De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5 from 8 pm. Tickets are available at £1 (including supper) from Mrs I Williams, 41 Blenheim Grove, SE5 [693 7182]. Gifts for the Tombola would be welcomed.

On Saturday, 12th February the Nearly New Shop will be holding a Jumble Sale. This will be from 2.00 pm at the Emmanuel Church Hall (corner of Barry Road and Lordship Lane).

On Tuesday, 15th February they are hoping to show two short films made by Camden Association for Mental Health which are designed to 'trigger off discussion of the problems of mental illness'. This will be at the Institute of Psychiatry and anyone interested in seeing the films is invited to telephone Mrs Julia Birley at 693/2600 or 777/6611 (mornings) and let her know.

Sadly, they announce the closing down of the experimental Talbot Club which was designed to help the lonely and isolated. Undoubtedly the only way in which the need for such a club could be measured was to try to run one; the outcome would seem to prove that this was not the solution to the problem being faced.

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SAMH are also looking for a sympathetic landlady for Dr X, who has been treated at the Maudsley for depression following a stroke, is in need of accommodation where some meals will be provided and has some physical disability. He has made a good recovery, is a pleasant friendly person with no symptoms of psychiatric illness. He can look after himself, use public transport, budget etc., but still has difficulty for instance in understanding and reading letters and forms, so a helping hand is sometimes needed.

It is pointless and discouraging for him to continue in hospital. Anyone who has a room to spare who feels they could help Dr X back to his place in the world is asked to ring Miss Eileen Munro, Social Work Department (703 6333) and leave a message for her to contact them.

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Coming Events

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION APPEAL

The British Heart Foundation appeal are holding their Annual Sponsored Swim at Rotherhithe Baths on Saturday, 5th March from 5.00 – 8.00 pm.

As usual they would be glad to hear from both swimmers and sponsors and hope that they will get plenty of support from both. Sponsor forms, giving full details, are available in the SCVS office or from the BHFA, 65 The Broadway, Stratford, E15 4BQ (534 0164).

Last year the Swim raised £1,027.64 and they hope to do even better this year so rally round!

BSAD SOUTH EAST LONDON BRANCH

The BSAD South East London Branch are holding an inter-borough Archery Tournament for the Disabled on Saturday, 19th March from 1.00 – 6.00 pm at Lewisham Ladywell Day Centre, Ladywell Road, SE13.

Entrants are asked to apply to Mr M M Lawrence, 47 Windermere Road, West Wickham, Kent not later than 19th February 1977.

GENERAL MATTERS

'Creative Partnerships', the latest report from the Volunteer Centre, is the result of a study carried out in Leicestershire on the use of volunteers and the involvement of the community in welfare services. It is intended as a discussion document which it is hoped will stimulate professionals in voluntary and statutory agencies to experiment with new ways of involving ordinary people in their work.

The report stresses that a first priority must be to regard the welfare services as a resource to the community rather than the community as a resource to the welfare services. Ian Bruce, the Volunteer Centre's Director, has warned that "pressure to use volunteers because of the country's economic troubles could lead to wrong strategies for community involvement".

"It is not good enough" he says, "for professional workers to use volunteers simply as assistants. They should be devoting more of their energies to supporting ordinary people in local neighbourhoods who want to perform a greater caring role with those in stress."

'Creative Partnerships' discusses ways of creating and sustaining networks of neighbourhood care to prevent the onset of stress. Neighbourhood schemes, community centres and social service department area offices are examined for their potential contribution.

The development of neighbourhood forums run by local people, with professional support, is recommended as a first step to neighbourhood councils. Such forums might be an appropriate base for local volunteer bureaux, and the launching points for such experiments as grant-aiding community groups to run paid domiciliary services like meals on wheels or home helps.

An increase in the involvement of volunteers in the community health services is also recommended. It is felt that they have an important part to play in the support of discharged patients, and that support to other members of the community could delay, and perhaps negate, the need for long term hospital admission.

The authors of the report stress the need for more volunteers in residential establishments: institutions such as assessment centres, remand homes, prisons, psychiatric hospitals, children's homes and homes for the elderly. While such establishments often claim this involvement, in practice it is sometimes only a token involvement of one or two people. Yet volunteers can give support to staff, act as befrienders, provide stimulation for handicapped children and the elderly, take residents out in order to widen their horizons and help backward children and adolescents to learn. They feel that more young people should be involved, and emphasise the tremendous resource, largely untapped, of the elderly retired.

Attention is also drawn to residential establishments as a resource to the community. The report suggests that perhaps barriers ought to come down and the facilities of these establishments be offered to local groups and voluntary organisations – providing meeting rooms, the use of sports equipment etc. (SC)

Criminal Trespass Law

A public meeting is to be held to discuss ways in which people in South East London can contribute to the Campaign Against the Criminal Trespass Law (CACTL):

The Meeting's organisers have said that when the Criminal Trespass Bill which is currently passing through parliament becomes law, many forms of action and protest which are at the moment regarded as legitimate political activity will be treated as criminal offences and subject to possible police action. For example, factory occupations by workers, sit-ins and demonstrations at social security and housing department offices (even though completely non-violent) could become subject to criminal charges and punishable by imprisonment.

The meeting will take place on 9th February at 7.30 pm at Depford Town Hall, New Cross Road, SE14. A speaker from CACTL will explain the general implications of the Criminal Trespass Bill and a spokesman from the National Union of Public Employees will talk about the effect the proposed legislation will have on the action currently being taken by members of his union at the Elizabeth Garret Anderson Hospital, which is threatened with closure.

Voluntary Services Unit

The amounts of money committed to voluntary organisations through the voluntary services unit of the Home Office are:—

For national activities

Women's Royal Voluntary Service	2,190,000
Young Volunteer Force Foundation	323,205
National Council of Social Service	243,000
Volunteer Centre	182,000
Community Service Volunteers	155,000
Pre-Retirement Association	11,000
National Youth Bureau: Voluntary Opportunities Digest	2,100
Cruse Clubs Limited	23,000
Child Poverty Action Group	10,000
Young Volunteer Resource Module	24,000
Romany Guild	2,187
British Council for Aid to Refugees	45,000
Fair Play for Children Campaign	26,000
SHAC	21,250
Albany Trust	12,000
National Playing Fields Association	42,750
Action Resource Centre	10,000
Release	21,000
Gingerbread	17,400
Contact	8,500
British Association of Settlements	15,500
BAS Literacy Organiser	11,200
After Six Housing Advisory Trust	12,000
National Association of Widows	4,300
National Association of Community Relations Councils	6,000
Central Council for the Disabled	9,000
British Council of Churches	10,000
National Association of Indian Youth	12,000
Runnymede Trust	14,000
National Association of Youth Clubs	30,000
Advisory Committee for the Education of Romany and other Travellers	5,500
After Six Leaflet	50
Task Force	22,055
Board of Social Responsibility	4,000
Returned Volunteer Action	6,250
Welsh Council of Social Service	2,702
<i>For non-national activities</i>	
Westminster Pastoral Foundation	26,000
Check Rights Centre	2,400
Outset	14,050
NACRO Hammersmith Project	47,000
The Cresset	30,000
Elfrida Rathbone, Liverpool	9,000
Wandsworth Council for Community Relations	4,000
Community Transport	20,300
Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association	24,500
Melting Pot	24,000
Handicapped Adventure Playground Association	7,000
Family First	5,000
Onward Industris	37,000
Newham Community Renewal	21,000
Scoutreach (Nottingham)	3,500
Lambeth Community Trust	50,000
Swindon Viewpoint	3,750
LCSS Community Work Service	29,575
Family Day Centres Project	99,707
South Wales Anti Poverty Campaign	35,950
Gulbenkian Area Resource Centre	35,000

Metropolitan County Councils of Voluntary Service	46,600
Girls Alone in London Service	10,000
West End Co-ordinated Voluntary Services	56,200

The total sum available to voluntary services unit for distribution is £4,592,000. Although it is intended primarily to help national organisations no specific proportion is allocated either to national or to local work.

The Children's Country Holidays Fund

Since 1884 this charity has provided annual country and seaside holidays for disadvantaged London children during the summer school holidays. At present approximately 3,500 children aged between 5 and 13 years spend holidays as guests of private hostesses and their families or join one of the Fund's camping parties.

The Fund is already planning the childrens' holidays for this year and urgently needs to recruit more volunteers to help if it is to continue to provide holidays for such large numbers of children.

In London local Committee Secretaries who will organise the holiday arrangements for children living in a particular area are urgently required. These are responsible and worthwhile jobs requiring people who are willing to become really involved in the work and prepared to devote a considerable amount of time to the administrative work in their own homes. There is also an urgent need for Honorary Treasurers of local committees, home visitors, volunteers to assist in fundraising activities and to act as escorts for the children.

Anyone interested or wishing to obtain further details is asked to get in touch with *Mrs J Meekins, General Secretary, Children's Country Holidays Fund, 1 York Street, Baker Street, W1H 1PZ. Tel: 935 8371.*

THAMES TELEVISION'S "Help!" PROGRAMME

Thames Television's "HELP!" Programme returns on 14th February for a new eight-week series.

During the last series, 2,000 people responded to appeals which ranged from helping on holidays for the mentally handicapped to teaching toddlers how to cross the road.

In the next series they are aiming to feature as many projects which need help as they can.

You are asked to contact them at Thames Television, Euston, as soon as possible if you are involved in any schemes which need volunteers and to which they could devote part of the programme. Ask for *Vic Taylor-Gee or Gill Brown, Community Service Volunteers (387 9494).*

BBC Further Education

"THE WELFARE NETWORK"

There will be a series of six radio programmes under this title to be broadcast on Tuesdays 7.00 – 7.30 pm on Radio 3 MW between 8th February and 15th March. Repeated Thursdays 7.00 – 7.30 pm Radio 3 MW 4th August – 8th September.

The series is designed as a contribution to the in-service training and professional development of those who work in the health, education and personal social services.

The programmes will be presented by John Hamson, Director of Social Services in Devon, and will feature six case histories that reflect some of the problems and needs that different agencies attempt to cope with:

- a pre-school child at risk
- a child truanting from school
- a mentally handicapped adolescent
- a single parent homeless family
- depression in middle age
- an elderly handicapped person

Through this case study material the programmes will explore relationships and co-ordination between the agencies and examine in particular the following themes:-

- the responsibilities and accountability of the different professional workers and agencies
- the differences in priorities, ideologies and perceptions between different professional groups
- the problems of confidentiality, communication and scarce resources.

PSSC Group on the Disabled

The Personal Social Services Council, which now has the responsibilities of the former advisory committee

on the health and welfare of the disabled, has set up a group on people with handicaps.

Its terms of reference are

to keep under continual review all matters affecting the needs of people with handicaps to whom the provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 apply

to be available for consultation by ministers of by any interested organisation or group whether statutory, voluntary or professional

to establish and maintain contact with such bodies and to ensure that their views are taken into account by the PSSC

to draw widely on experience or advice from any appropriate source

to encourage or promote inquiry or study

to advise the PSSC and, where appropriate, take action on its behalf.

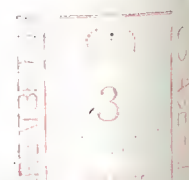
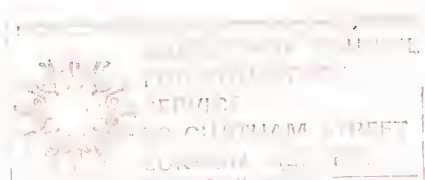
The chairman of the group is Walter Boyce, Director of Social Services, Essex County Council, and the members are Cllr Philip Bolshaw, Chairman, Hertfordshire Social Services Committee; Cllr R Hartley, Kirklees Metropolitan District Council; Cllr R W G Humphreys, vice-chairman of PSSC and Chairman, London Boroughs Association Social Services Committee and Miss Barbara Stow, Director, Disabled Living Foundation. The group will also include a nominee from the DHSS.

Alfred Morris, the Minister for the Disabled, has suggested that the group might consider the role of voluntary bodies, community-based self-help, the possibility of 'positive discrimination' for the disabled and the education of the public.

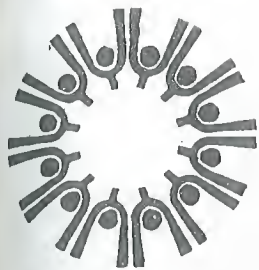
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SERVICE MATTERS

HOUSING ADVICE

Both the Housing Interest Group and the Forward Planning Group for Advice and

Information have identified the provision of Housing information/Advice/aid as a matter deserving attention. The Forward Planning Group have asked several agencies to provide information on the number and type of housing enquiries they receive; statistics or views on the subject from other organisations would also be welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

Ed Williams Student Community Care Officer at Kings College, W.C.2, is hoping to expand his unit's Voluntary Activities in Southwark. There are 3,500 Students attending many of whom are willing to give up their free time to act as volunteers. We have agreed to compile a worksheet for jobs in Southwark that the Students might wish to undertake. Anyone who has a job they would like included on the list please get in touch with the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service, 53, Chatham Street, London, S.E.17

FREE LOAN

SCVS has a spirit photo-copier which defeats the mechanical expertise of the staff here, and is hardly ever used. Could any organisation of the borough make use of it? If so, please contact Sharon Collins 703 9730.

LOCAL MATTERS

SOUTHWARK TRADES COUNCIL CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN

For some time Southwark Trades Council has been campaigning for more nursery schools, day nurseries and after school and holiday facilities for children of working parents. It is felt that without these types of provision equality for women will never be realised.

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On Saturday, March 19th from 1.00 pm to 5.00pm. the Trades Council is organising an event at St. Albans Hall, Manor Place, S.E.17 to further publicise the campaign in Southwark. Groups from the borough and elsewhere, concerned with child care provision will be running stalls and displays throughout the afternoon to illustrate what is already provided, the extent of the short fall in provision as well as examples of campaigns run elsewhere in London. A photographic exhibition will illustrate the role of women as workers and mothers and the problems they face as a result. Other entertainments for parents as well as children will be a folk singer, clowns and plenty of toys as well as a film called "1,2,3" - of a community nursery. Refreshments will also be available.

The event is intended to be both informative and entertaining so as to attract as many local parents and children as possible.

For further details contact Southwark Trades Council, 41 Camberwell Grove, S.E.5.

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HALL REQUIRED

IVS Southwark is looking for basic accommodation for ten volunteers for 3 weeks at the end of July / beginning of August. A hall with toilet facilities (and possibly access to a cooker?) could be suitable.

The volunteers will not necessarily need to use the premises during the daytime, as they will be working on a summer playscheme for children. The project will be sponsored by the local residents, and will have limited funds available to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

The volunteers will be drawn from the International Workcamp Programme, and details of this project need to be finalised in the near future. So any one who has premises which might be suitable should contact Andrew Watson, 4, Sanford Walk, Sanford Street, SE 14, as soon as possible. Or SCVS, 703 9730, with details.

FUEL

Pressure from the Right to Fuel Campaign has resulted in two recent moves to help those suffering as a result of rocketing fuel prices. An 'electricity discount scheme' has been introduced by the Government, and a Code of Practice covering payment methods, security deposits and safeguards relating to disconnection has been issued by the fuel boards.

Under the code of practice, special provision is made for families where there are young children or where the breadwinner is unemployed, and for families in receipt of supplementary benefit of F I S.

The 'electricity discount scheme' entitles some families with low incomes to claim 25% discount on electricity bills received between February 1st and April 30th. Discount vouchers should now be available from post offices, but there have been a number of problems in administering the scheme, and if a difficulty arises, the Electricity Division of the Department of Energy (tel' 222 7000) may be able to help sort it out.

The South East London Right to Fuel Campaign welcomes any help for consumers, but feels that the present measures are inadequate and do nothing to diminish the need for the abolition of fuel boards' anachronistic powers of disconnection. The laws conferring these powers on the boards were introduced in 1882 when gas and electricity were a luxury enjoyed only by the privileged few. Now that almost all families - the poor as well as the rich are dependent on gas or electricity for basic necessities like cooking, warmth light and hot water, disconnection causes hardship and deprivation that the offence of non-payment does not

warrant. In this century the punishment greatly exceeds the crime.

Last year 177,000 households had their gas or electricity supplies cut off. Thousands more - including the elderly, sick and disabled - only avoided disconnection by cutting down on fuel and endangering their health. Many others had to choose between fuel and food. In the meantime, long term gas contracts made at low prices in the 1960s are saving the industry up to £180 million per year, while the domestic consumer pays more than his/her fair share.

Another price rise is expected in April.

For further information about the campaign, contact: Joe Swzarc 928 9521 or John Newman Area 3, Social Services Dept., 237 2872

SOUTHWARK SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The AGM of the Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children will be held at the Havil Street Hall, Havil Street, Peckham, SE5, at 7.30pm on Monday 28th March.

BURGESS WARD BY-ELECTION

The recent Southwark Council by-election in Burgess ward was by Mike Geater (Labour) of 16, Otterburn House, Sultan Street, Wyndham Estate, Camberwell. Mr Geater polled 52 votes more than the Conservative candidate, Toby Eckersley. There was a 16% voting turn out.

CAMBERWELL SOCIETY

Nicholas Roskill has been appointed as the new Hon. Treasurer of the Camberwell Society.

LOCAL HISTORY

The fourth in Southwark's series of 20 page 'Neighbourhood Histories' is now available. 'The Story of Walworth' (written by Mary Boast and illustrated by David Burch) costs 20p from Southwark Libraries.

ALCOHOLIC COUNSELLING SERVICE

A new counselling and consultation service is to be established for residents of Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham who have a drinking problem. A paper prepared by the Camberwell and Lewisham Councils on Alcoholism says that the service is not aimed at vagrant homeless alcoholics but at the much greater number of home-based problem drinkers. The project is to be jointly financed by the Area Health Authority and the three local authorities.

JOBS MOVE

Southwark Council's Planning & Development Committee are worried about a government plan to move 31,000 civil service jobs out of London by 1981. A number of departments concerned are in or near North Southwark, and the Committee feel that the move is likely to have a disruptive effect on the local economy. They have recommended that the Government be asked to reconsider its plan and to consult the local authority concerned.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ethel Marshall, of the Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, has been co-opted onto the Social Services Committee in place of Lady Hutton, the Society's former vice-chairman who recently moved out of the area.

DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

BEDE HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Bede House,
351, Southwark Park Road,
S.E.16. 237 3881

BEDE CENTRE

Abbeyfield Road,
S.E.16. 237 8930

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BEDE HOUSE

Resource base for local groups and organisations in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe. Neighbourhood work. Adult Literacy Project. Residential community of 22 single people who help with the work of the settlement in their spare time.

BEDE CENTRE

SENIOR YOUTH WORKER-Martin Kimber.

Youth Work

Senior Club for boy's and Girls aged 13-18, Mon. and Tues 7-30 - 10.30pm. Clare Club for boys and girls aged 9-12, Wed. 6-30 - 8.15pm. Junior Play Centre for boys and girls aged 5 - 8, Thurs. 6.30 - 8.15 pm. boys and girls aged 5 - 8, Thurs.

Childrens tap dancing class Weds. 4.15 - 6.00pm.

Summer holiday activities for all ages.

Adventure Project, with resources available for youth clubs and groups to use in organising programmes of adventure activities.

**CLUBS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED,
VETERANS CLUB FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' Wed:2-4**

ROTHERHITHE DISABLED CLUB Thurs: 2-4pm

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Young Wives Group Thurs: 8.30-10.30pm

The Centre is available for private hire at the week-end.

SOUTH EAST LONDON CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CRIMINAL TRESPASS LAW

A public meeting was held last month at New Cross Town Hall to discuss the Criminal Trespass Bill currently before Parliament.

Piers Corbin, on behalf of CACTL, outlined the five proposed offences under the new Bill and explained how each of them could be used to bring criminal charges far more readily against trade unionists occupying factories, women's groups occupying empty premises for battered wives hostels, claimants occupying social security offices, etc. In addition many people would be come subject to this law simply by remaining in their homes after license to occupy has been terminated - for example, tenants whose notice to quit had expired.

The meeting was then addressed by Mike Taylor, a NUPE secretary whose area includes Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital where workers are currently engaged in an occupation to prevent the Hospital's closure. At present the closure date has been proposed

has been postponed but there will be, should negotiations fail, a point at which his members will be faced with taking steps which under the proposed Bill would lay them open to much more serious criminal charges than at present. The occupation itself is simply an attempt to maintain a vital resource in a chronically deprived area.

There will be further planning meetings of SE London CACTL to:

- a) generate support for the demonstration march in London on March 19th (Assemble 1.45 at Cardington Street, next to Euston Station, to march to Highbury Fields - rally.)
- b) organise local activity to publicise and support the national campaign

Details of future meetings from: Richard Lumley,
691 1300 691 1602

SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

The Disablement income Group has produced a new edition of its comprehensive guide to services and provision for the disabled. 'An ABC of Services and Information for Disabled People' costs £1 plus postage, and is available from D I G, Attlee-House, Town Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London, E.1.

HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES

A Housing Co-operatives Directory, containing details of existing co-ops and a range of information about housing co-operatives generally is now available from: Andy Dunning, 79c Balfour Street, SE17. Please send a large (12 3/4 x 9") stamped (11p) addressed envelope.

RACE RELATIONS ACT

New Society's guide to the new race relations act has been reproduced in pamphlet form. The guide costs 20p, and can be obtained from: Readers Services Dept., New Society, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, SE1.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD

The British Institute Of Management's Central London Branch has established a group called 'In Business for the Community'. They are willing to provide specialist volunteers for any non-profit making organisations. The skills covered include accounting and legal work, and other other kinds of managerial expertise, including public relations and advertising. For more information contact: B I M Central London Branch, c/o Metra Consulting Ltd., 23 Lower Belgrave St, London, SW1. 730 0855.

SOCIAL SECURITY PENSIONS ACT 1975

The new Government salary - related, inflation proofed pension scheme will come into operation on 6th April 1978. Before then employers will be asked to decide whether they wish to contract out of that part of the scheme relating to additional pension provisions for all or some of their employees. Contracting out is possible only if employees are already part of a salary-related scheme. Please note that the Social Workers' Pension Fund Scheme, which many voluntary organisations use is not salary related.

The Government scheme relates to all employers, including voluntary organisations, whatever the number of employees.

Briefly, the scheme is based on the proposal that everyone shall have a basic pension related to national average earnings (plus an additional amount for earnings above that level). Increases in the pension will be linked to rises in the Retail Price Index. The first full pensions under the new scheme will be paid out in 1998.

For details of the scheme voluntary organisations employing staff should obtain leaflets NI 15 and NI 30 from any DHSS office.

1977 LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys has been asked to gather up to date information on employment for the Department of Employment and the EEC. As part of this exercise, a labour force survey is planned in the Southwark area for May and June.

OPCS is looking for people to visit and interview randomly selected households for a minimum of 3 days and 3 evenings per week during the survey period. Interviewers will be paid approximately £1. per hour, and applicants will be asked to take a simple clerical test and to attend a 2-3 day training course in April.

Anyone interested should contact: Mr F S Bridges, 9 Kirkdale, Sydenham, SE26 699 9608.

MINIBUSES

A working party set up last year to study minibuses use by voluntary organisations has now reported on its investigations. The group was made up of representatives of the National Association of Youth Clubs, the National Council of Social Service and the National Council for Voluntary Youth Service, and its report, 'A Fare Deal for Minibuses', Costs 50p and is available from: Research Publication Services Ltd., Victoria Hall, East Greenwich, London, SE 10 ORF.

At present, any organisation seeking to recover the costs of its minibus operation must register as a public service and obtain a certificate of fitness of its vehicles. Additional regulations may be introduced.

Very few organisations currently using minibuses do in fact have certificates of fitness for them, and very few of their drivers have public service vehicle driving licences. The working party is now pressing the Government to introduce a new certificate of proficiency for drivers, and is also asking that voluntary organisations may be exempt from legal provisions, so that they may charge for services.

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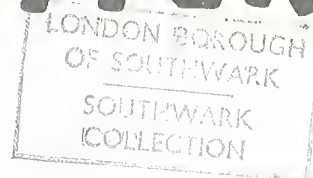
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SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES MATTERS

HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

Sara Neil of the Camberwell Society has taken over from David Main as convenor of the housing interest group. The group is currently preparing a discussion document on tenancy agreement. Anyone who is interested should come along to the next meeting: 7.30, Monday 25th April, 53, Chatham Street SE17.

REVIEW BODY

The next meeting of the Review Body for Advice and Information Services will be at 7.30, on Thursday, 26th May, in Room 60, Peckham Town Hall. Mr. Garrett, the Borough Housing Manager has agreed to talk to the meeting about the Council's current provision of housing advice and information. All advice-giving organisations are welcome to send representatives.

NEWSLETTER

Contributions from individual organisations to the newsletter are always welcome, and the SCVS Executive Committee has recently suggested that from time to time a whole issue might be devoted to a member organisation which wished to raise a matter of concern or to discuss its work in depth. If you'd like to talk about the idea, or if your organisation has something to say, get in touch with us at 53 Chatham Street, 703 9730.

LOCAL MATTERS

OUT OF SCHOOL, OUT OF WORK.

"Out of School, Out of Work" is a play by the Mutable Theatre Company about the experience of school-leavers confronted with the job market for the first time. It focuses particularly on the difficulties faced by one youngster and his family as he gets a job, loses it, goes on the dole, and eventually gets another job.

The play has already been performed in a number of local schools. Youth Clubs or other groups wishing to make a booking during the holiday period should phone Helena Hague or Sarah Davidson, 286 7253. The price per performance is negotiable.

CHILDMINDERS' CENTRE

A new drop-in centre for childminders and the children they care for is due to open after the Easter holidays. The centre, which is being established by the Southwark Branch Pre-School Playgroups Association in conjunction with the Social Services Department, will be at Whitefield Playgroup in East Street, and will initially be open for 2 afternoons a week.

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SINGLE HOMELESS DIRECTORY

A Directory of Accommodation in London for single homeless persons is now available. The Directory has sections on accommodation for men, boys, women, girls, mixed accommodation, accommodation for alcoholics, ex-offenders and a variety of other groups. The sections are, where appropriate, subdivided into emergency, long-term, short term accommodation etc. Each entry has useful notes on how to contact the organisation concerned and who is likely to be accepted. The Directory is available from The Neighbourhood Scheme, Blackfriars Settlement.

HAMLETEERS

Hamlet House a new residential unit for the younger long-stay patient, has just celebrated its second anniversary.

Tucked away behind the main buildings of St. Francis Hospital by E. Dulwich Station, it is not a place where people pop in and out easily—only the railway passes by. The local people hardly know of its existence overshadowed as it is by the geriatric atmosphere of St. Francis, and yet the design is bright and modern and the twenty residents aged between 18 and 55 are by no means elderly. They live in Hamlet House because for various reasons home in the community is no longer possible. Many suffer from multiple sclerosis almost all depend on a wheelchair to get about; some go home for days or weekends and relatives visit frequently, but even so we very much need to develop roots in the community outside.

Many of the activities which we enjoy are denied to the residents through lack of mobility; other pursuits which disabled people with good arms can enjoy are difficult when all the limbs are involved. We have a specially designed raised garden but the tremor which often comes with multiple sclerosis makes it difficult to pinch out the side shoots of a tomato without breaking the stem. We have a record player but precise control is needed to operate it without damage. Outings are arranged but each disabled person needs an escort. Many activities could be developed and enriched with the help of a comparatively well companion but these needs increase the burden on the busy staff who are trying to make Hamlet House a home for its residents. Many local events pass us by because there are not always enough helpers to get us on the move.

We are hoping to form a group of "Hamleteers", an association of friends in the community, who would help us to live more fully, perhaps organise an outing, to a concert or the local park, help with one of our cheese and wine parties, join a shopping expedition share an interest in books, languages, music (any sort!), card games, in fact anything which gives you pleasure. We would like the Hamleteers to be a group of people flexible enough to respond to the varying needs of Hamlet House, sometimes working together as a group, at other times making individual contact with residents. If you would like to become a member of the group contact Mary Tidnam, 670 4949.

JUMBLE SALE

Cambridge House are having a jumble sale on Saturday April 23rd. If you have some jumble—clothes, books, odds and ends, ring Jane, 701 4221. She may be able to arrange collections.

DOWNSIDE WINNERS:

Two boys from the Downside Settlement youth club in Bermondsey won rosettes for show-jumping at trials run by Warlingham Horse Club.

The Downside Club is one of the few boys' clubs which teaches horse riding. The club makes weekly trips to a riding school in Westerham. Last year more than 20 boys learnt to ride on the course, and there is a waiting list of potential members.

SPONSORED SWIM

A sponsored swim in aid of the British Heart Foundation Appeal raised over £1500 at Rotherhithe Baths on March 5th. A variety of local schools and organisations took part.

NEW GIA

Southwark Council has declared the area around Charleston Street, SE17 a General Improvement Area. The streets included are those bounded by Wansey Street to the north, Browning Street to the south, Brandon Street to the east, and Walworth Road to the west.

HEALTH SERVICE BOUNDARIES

Lambeth Council have recommended that the Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority should have only three health districts, matching the three boroughs. At present there are four districts, and Lambeth feel that joint planning of services between the Councils and the Health Authority is difficult because the areas they cover do not coincide.

DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

- Page 88 ALHE delete Wally MacFarlane, add Melvyn Wallace
- Page 49 Girl Guides Association, Bermondsey Division Commissioner delete Miss PNL Smith
- Page 20 Sue Ellison substitute Sue Ellitson
- Page 14 Pembroke House Missioner Warden is now Rev. Alan Dibden. Full time youth worker is now Ms. Althea Kebell. Youth Activities on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. The Senior Citizens Club no longer meets.
- Page 51 Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Rd, SE 16.

GENERAL MATTERS

PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM

Paul Carter from Blackfriars Settlement Photography Project will be talking to the LCSS Community Work Forum about the uses of photography in community work, Thursday 21st April, 10.30–12.30 at 54, Charlton Street. NW1.

DOE STUDY

A study of 200 households in "unauthorised occupation" has found that most squatters are not young, middle-class drop-outs after all: they are semi-skilled or unskilled workers. Most of the properties surveyed had previously been empty for over 3 months, and nearly half had been unoccupied for over a year. Over 75% of the houses had been repainted by the squatters.

PHONE FOR HELP

The Greater London Citizens Advice Service has started an after-hours telephone enquiry service. The service operated every evening from 6 to 10, and is staffed by a rota of trained and experienced workers from London CABx. Phone 240 0910 or 240 2997

And did you know that there is now a general enquiry post at the Royal Courts of Justice? Phone 405 7641: the post is meant to cover information on all counts, and although it can't give anything amounting to legal advice, it should offer help on procedural enquiries—eg. which form to use, where to find it, how much it will cost.

COMMUNITY WORK TRAINING:

An independent community work training body is to be established, following the report of a specialist working group published in January. The group recommends a two-tier approach with a national representative body maintaining an overall view of community work training and seeking backing for new developments, and a network of local and regional groups operating in the field.

The working party was set up last year at a meeting convened by the joint University Council's Consultative Group on Community Work.

The move reflects increasing concern in some quarters at the difficulties of carrying out local community training, as no body exists which can provide resources and information on training methods.

Further details from Howard Simmons, 261 1404.

FUND RAISING

Four one-day seminars for charity fund raisers are being organised by the Directory of Social Change, a newly established educational charity providing information and training resources for the voluntary movement. The seminars will tackle raising money from trusts (5th May 1977), raising money from central and local government (19th May), raising money from industry (2nd June), and raising money through special events (16th June).

The fee is £10 per session, £32.50 for series.

CLAIMING CHILD BENEFIT

The Government's new Child Benefit Scheme comes into operation in April and many families still need to be alerted to its introduction.

Anyone who has one child, or those with two or more who have not been receiving family allowance should claim immediately to make sure that the benefit is given from April.

The benefit will be payable for all children in a family at the rate of £1 per week for the first child and £1.50 per week for each subsequent child.

The first child of a one parent family will continue to receive £1.50 per week as under Child Interim Benefit.

Application forms are available from DHSS or Post Offices.

CHARITY LAW AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The independent inquiry, chaired by Lord Goodman, on the law relating to charities has published its report.

The Goodman Committee rejected the view that all charitable activities should be functions of the State, and also rejected a proposal that the scope of charities should be restricted to the relief of poverty and deprivation, and the field of social welfare. The Report states that charities have an important part to play in improving the quality of life in other areas also.

Political activity was among the more controversial issues considered by the Committee; and the Report recommends that charities should be allowed greater political freedom, so long as political involvement is ancillary to the main activities and objects.

One of the committee's main recommendations is for the creation of an independent charities board to advise the Charity Commissioners on matters of policy and on the re-registration or de-registration of charities.

Other recommendations made by the Goodman Committee include:

Registration: Legal aid should be available to bodies wishing to appeal against rulings by the Charity Commissioners on points of law. A provisional registration period should be introduced. A new appeals tribunal should be set up to consider appeals against administrative decisions of the Commissioners.

Fund-Raising: Young people over 15 should be allowed to take part in collections. Local authorities should have more powers to co-ordinate house to house collections. Charity football pools should be made legal on a permanent basis. The minimum covenant period should be reduced from 7 to 14 years.

Small local charities:

It should be made easy for smaller, local grant-making charities to merge into 'neighbourhood trusts'

DISPLAY SPACE

King's Community Health Council has been thinking about how best to use the display facilities at their shop in Denmark Hill. As well as mounting their own displays, the CHC would like other voluntary groups and agencies interested in health to make use of the shop window to advertise their activities and publicise their organisation's work.

Individual groups will be able to use the window for about three weeks at any one time, and local branches of national bodies will be encouraged to tie in with any national week or campaign.

If you are interested in making use of the shop-front facilities, contact Julie Langton-Lockton, King's CHC, 75 Denmark Hill, SE5. Phone 703 9498.

PREMISES OFFERED

A house in SE17, which has been equipped as a pre-school playgroup and which also includes a hall and rooms suitable for other purposes, could be made available for community use if a suitable scheme were proposed. If you have any idea, or think you could use the space, contact Sharon Collins in the first instance, 703 9730.

LONDON HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

London Homes for the Elderly, a registered Charity No. 207966, was formed in 1949 out of a grant of £129,000 given by the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Fund.

Sydney House (in Tower Hamlets) was the first home built and completed in 1954 at a total cost of £70,000 to accommodate 44 residents and during the years that followed the accommodation was extended to house a total of 56 residents plus additional staff quarters, sluice rooms and a sick bay. This extension cost £30,000. Furnishings, gardens, Architect and specialist fees for the whole project amounted to £20,000. This total cost has been paid.

Wilkinson House (in the Southwark Borough) accommodating 51 residents was built in 1959 at a total cost of £80,000, and was extended in 1973 at a further cost of £78,000, increasing the accommodation to 65 residents. Landscaping, furnishings, fees etc., amounted to £36,000. This total cost has been paid out of donations received.

Welch House (in the Southwark Borough) was completed in 1965 at a cost of £125,000, furnishings, fees, landscaping etc. £40,000. The home accommodates 51 residents. All the cost of Welch House has now been met out of donations received and the Society has a small working capital.

The Society's homes are registered under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 and a maintenance rate is fixed annually by the Local Authority. For the year 1976 it was set at £36.40p per week

to keep an old person in the home. Of this amount the resident contributes £12.25p and the Local Authority contributed approximately £24.15p.

Unfortunately, in view of the present financial climate, limitations have been set by the London Boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets for new admissions to voluntary homes resulting in the Society having 15 vacancies at the time of writing this report, made up as follows:

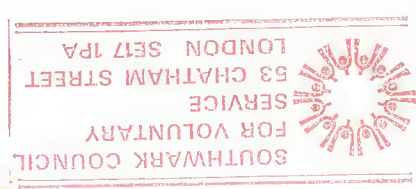
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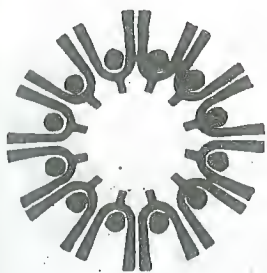
Applications for admission to the homes are welcome from those who can meet the full charge for either long or short stay. Please apply to :

London Homes for the Elderly.
Regd. Off: 94/116 Southwark Park Road,
Bermondsey, London. SE16 3TY.
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Arthur H. Birch,
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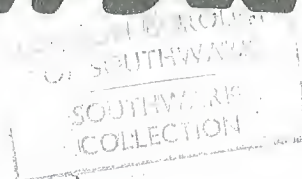
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NEWSLETTER



SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE MATTERS

WHAT DO WE DO FOR THE SOUTHWARK ELDERLY?

SCVS and Age Concern (Southwark) are jointly sponsoring a day conference on June 24th on work with the elderly in the borough.

The aim of the day will be to consider the needs of older people in our community, and to look at what resources are currently made available to meet those needs in Southwark. We shall also be talking about ways of improving cooperation and coordination among and between the voluntary and statutory organisations at work in the borough.

Do we, for example, need a liason group to share information about current developments, to sort out difficulties faced by particular clients, etc?

Or do we need an interest group to provide a channel of communication between voluntary agencies and the Council?

Or do we need a coordinating group to look at gaps in the current service and to work out how to fill them?

These are some of the questions that the conference will consider.

If your organisation has not yet received an invitation but would like to send representatives to the conference, please contact Eileen McNally, at Age Concern, 33 Peckham Road, SE 5 703 6105.

NEW WORKER AT SCVS

Joe Szwarc has been appointed as part time field worker at SCVS, and has been in post since mid May. Many of our members will know Joe already, as he was previously working with BIAS at Blackfriars Settlement and has been involved among other things in the South East London Right to Fuel Campaign and work with tenants' groups in the borough.

DESK FOR SALE

Is any member organisation in need of a desk? SCVS has a spare one: in good condition, but taking up valuable space in our office! £10, ono. Contact Edie Wallis 703 9730.

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

At its last meeting, the Forward Planning Group for Advice and Information Services discussed the provision of financial advice in the borough. At the moment, one fortnightly financial advice session, staffed by volunteer accountants, is run at CAB in Walworth Road. Now a second session is planned to serve the south of the borough.

Tim Field, South East London Coordinator of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' financial programme, who is helping to set up the advice sessions has also said that it may be possible to arrange short training courses both for the generalist advice workers wishing to know more about financial problems, and for treasurers of local groups on basic accounting procedures, etc. If you are interested in either kind of course, contact Sharon Collins 703 9730.

COMMUNITY WORK

As many readers will know, Southwark Council has set up a Community Development Sub-Committee to consider the future deployment of its community works team

work resources. (At present, the Council employs four community workers in the Social Services Dept., and two in the Town Clerk's Dept. as part of the Walworth Project Team. A further five community work posts in the Social Service Department have been vacant some months. There is also a Community Officer's Unit in the Housing Department which performs a public relations function and aims to improve communication between the Council and its tenants.)

SCVS was asked to send two representatives to a recent meeting of the sub-committee to put forward the views of the voluntary sector on community work in the borough. The SCVS Community Work Group prepared a paper on the subject, which was presented to the sub-committee by Peter Hudson of Blackfriars Settlement and George Nicholson of North Southwark Community Development Group. Our main recommendations were for:

- i) an increased community work establishment in the local authority
- ii) an increased financial commitment by the Council to the community work in the voluntary sector;
- iii) the development of multi-disciplinary teams of workers at neighborhood level;
- iv) the development of an appropriate management structure for local and community workers;
- v) the development within the local authority of a body of expertise about community work and related issues.

We suggested that recommendations iv) and v) could be implemented by the creation of an on-going Community Work Committee, which we be in a position to provide a perspective on the development of community work in the borough, draw together the work of various service departments in this field, provide a corporate mechanism for monitoring community work practice, and ensure an effective development from the present situation towards a well coordinated multi-disciplinary approach on a localised area basis.

The full text of the SCVS paper is available from Sharon Collins 703 9730

The Community Development Sub-Committee is expected to make its final recommendations to the Council's Policy & Resources Committee early in the Autumn, when it is hoped that a decision will be taken.

LOCAL MATTERS

URBAN AID: PHASE 16

Grants made to summer holiday projects under latest phase of the Urban Aid Programme have now been announced. Notifications about other applications for capital and non-capital projects is expected shortly.

The 7 Southwark holiday projects approved by the Home Office for Urban Aid funding this year are:

Frederick Playground Holiday Project.....	£1265
Family Crisis Holiday Project.....	£2178
Bermondsey Play Short.....	£2630
St Luke's Playscheme.....	£530
St Matthew's Summer Holiday Project.....	£400
Southwark Summer Play Scheme for Mentally Handicapped Children.....	£1500
St Luke's Family Holiday	

St Luke's Family Holiday..... £ 205

Southwark Council forwarded to the Home Office 9 of the 12 applications submitted. All 7 successful projects are to receive the full amount they applied for.

ROGER KENRICK

Sadly, Roger Kenrick, best known to many of us for his work on behalf of the physically handicapped, died last month.

Among his many other activities, Roger was Secretary of the Southwark Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Chairman of the Southwark Committee for the Handicapped. The large number of the friends and colleagues who attended the memorial service held for him at Clements Hall in Peckham, and very many others who worked with him over the years or who met him through his active involvement as a churchman will miss his energy and commitment to the welfare of the disadvantaged in the borough.

GLC COUNCILLORS

The three successful candidates in the recent GLC elections, selected to represent Southwark are:

- Bermondsey: Sir Reg. Goodwin (Labour)
- Dulwich : G. Bowden (Conservative)
- Peckham :: H. Hinds (Labour)

RACISM IN SOUTHWARK

At the end of April, Southwark Trades Council convened a conference on the growing menace of racism and fascism and how to counter them.

The meeting brought together 99 delegates and observers from a wide range of political, trades union and community organisations. A committee representing all those elements was elected to organize an anti-racist campaign in the borough, to promote racial harmony and equality by action and education, and to link up with similar groups throughout the country.

The first meeting of the Committee has now established the Southwark Campaign against Racism and Fascism - SCARF - to pursue these aims. Any individuals or groups who are interested in joining the Campaign should contact Scarf's Secretary, Steve Radford, 38, Grove Hill Road, SE 5, phone 274 3808 (home) or 703 9111 work.

The Committee would particularly like more representatives from the voluntary organisations to serve on it.

FUND RAISING

The Albany Empire community theatre in Deptford is offering opportunities for voluntary organisations and community groups to use the regular weekend performances to raise funds.

Any organisation taking ten or more people to the Empire on Sunday evenings can now claim back 50% of the ticket money collected from the group. For further details, contact the Combination at the Albany, 692 0765.

CONSORTIUM

South East London Consortium's new Director is Bob Brodie, who was previously working as a community worker on the Honor Oak estate in Lewisham.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Morley College, in conjunction with Amnesty International are organising a short course in July entitled 'Prisoners of Conscience'. Scheduled for Tuesday evenings, the course will discuss human rights and the position of the prisoner of conscience in different areas of the world. Consideration will also be given to international legal remedies against political repression. Further details from Morley College, 61, Westminster Bridge Road, SE 1.

NEW LOCAL PLANS

Southwark Council have now produced seven reports on North Southwark following the series of public meetings held last year on the proposed formulation of new local plans for the area.

Tenants' Associations and other organisations in the north of the borough should by now have received copies of these reports, which are being discussed at a further series of meetings.

The start of consultation on new local plans for Mid and South Southwark is now scheduled for September.

SOUTHWARK CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN

As one way of obtaining equal rights for women, Southwark Trades Council have been campaigning for over a year for:

- more state nurseries and nursery schools;
- more flexible hours in nurseries to suit the needs of working parents;
- nurseries on all new estates;
- community control of all nurseries;
- more holiday and after school schemes for children.

This has involved the collecting of information on the current state of provision in Southwark; making contact and working with many community groups, tenants associations, and other local campaigns; lobbying and pressing the local authority, ILEA and local MPs; etc.

After a successful day event was held in March where many trades unions and community groups took part, it has been shown that such a wide campaign a campaign has very wide support within the borough. It has therefore been decided to establish a borough based campaign open to any group or individuals who wish to take an active part.

Much local action is already underway on estates and at schools, pressing for resources to provide day care facilities for children. It is hoped that the campaign will be firmly rooted within the community and will be able to lend and gain support from such local action.

The next planned event in the campaign is a production of 'The Double Shift', a show with music and songs about a mother's fight to save her job and a nursery place for her child. The show will be performed by Counteract at 7.30, June 14th at Rachel MacMillan Teachers' Centre, 83 New Kent Road, SE 1. Admission will be free.

Anyone who would like to join the campaign and/or would like further information, should contact Nicky Road, 38 Braganza Street, SE 17; 582 1223 (work) or 7887586 (home).

GENERAL MATTERS

GUIDE TO CONFERENCE CENTRES

'Bring Your Own Towel' is a useful guide to the less expensive resident conference centres in Britain. As well as information about the centres themselves, there are also useful hints for would-be conference organisers. 'Bring Your Own Towel' can be ordered from Bedford Square Press, 26, Bedford Square, WC1; 363 4066.

GLAD

The Greater London for the Disabled has moved to 1, Thorpe Close, London W 10 5XL, and the new phone number is 960 5799. The new ground floor premises mean that most disabled people can now gain access to the GLAD offices.

MONEY FOR OLD BOTTLES

Who would like to arrange a depot for collecting wine bottles? Money in it for yourself or a charity (about £10 per 1,000). For further details contact Caroline Larkin 703 3040.

JOB CREATION

The first phase of the Job Creation Programme for young unemployed is coming to an end. Various aspects such as the 52 week rule, have drawn heavy criticism.

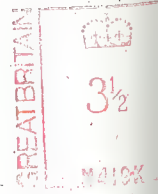
In response, the Manpower Services Commission has produced a new set of proposals for a further phase of the Programme.

The government has yet to make a decision on the future of JCP, so voluntary which have been involved - or are thinking of getting participating in the programme in the future - are getting together to consider the proposals and to put their own views forward.

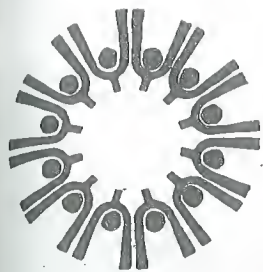
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WORKING PARTY ON PLAY

SCVS has recently convened a group of voluntary organisations to consider the development of play provision in the borough. The group is looking first at the work of playschemes and adventure playgrounds: as well as providing a forum for sharing ideas and experience in these areas of work, the meetings will also consider how current Council policy and practice affects voluntary organisations in the field.

All voluntary organisations involved in running playschemes or adventure playgrounds are welcome to send representatives to the group for further details, contact Sharon Collins 703 9730.

HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

As Southwark Council is currently reviewing its tenancy agreement, the Housing Interest Group has prepared an information paper on the subject, which will be circulated shortly to interested tenants associations.

The paper outlines the current situation, some of the issues that need to be considered when a new agreement is drafted, and some of the ways in which TA's can make their views known. It also provides a chart comparing Southwark Council's existing conditions of tenancy with the proposed new GLC tenancy agreement, and the model agreement suggested by the Housing Services Advisory Group of the DOE.

ORGANISING VOLUNTEERS

Planning is underway for a volunteer organisers' forum, to start in the autumn. The forum will offer the chance for people who work with volunteers to share information and experience, and to exchange ideas about the use of volunteers, the kind of support and training they should be offered, and how we can work together to make the most of our resources.

If you would like to come to the first meeting of the forum, or would like further information, contact Amy Wallis 701 3816.

NEWSLETTER

This edition of the Newsletter has been compiled by Jane Martini and Barbara Foreman - both volunteers with the BIAS at Blackfriars Settlement. We would very much welcome help with forthcoming issues from anyone else who is interested. Contact Sharon Collins; 703 9730.

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PHAB CLUB NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The physically Handicapped and Able Bodied Clubs are offering places to young disabled persons in Southwark.

The Youth Clubs - which have a wide variety of activities and organise facilities for physically handicapped and able bodied young adults to meet together.

The facilities are also extended to the disabled who are home from schools for holidays.

THE SOUTHWARK CHC's COLUMN

Probably everyone who reads this column will know what a Community Health Council is. If you don't, then we shall be very pleased to fill you in with anything you may need to know. We have called ourselves, the two CHC's in Southwark. This is not strictly true, because King's covers part of the London Borough of Lambeth, whilst Guy's covers the Northern part of Lewisham, but between the two councils, we also have as a major part of our areas the London Borough of Southwark. It sounds something of a riddle, but it is a legacy of the National Health Service Reorganisation that the

boundaries are not coterminous with those of the local authorities.

The Guy's and King's District Community Health Councils have now been in existence for a little over three years. It has taken all of that time to enable members to know their way around the health services provided within the Districts and to become acquainted with the problems of the managers and providers of the services. Both Councils have done a great deal towards encouraging a wider community interest in the quality of the services provided and wish to extend participation.

Month by Month, we hope to give you a brief picture of the areas of current concern to the Councils and our thoughts on how services should be developed in the future.

Our meetings are open to the Press and public and the next full Council Meetings are as follows:-

Guy's Health District CHC

6.30pm 28th July St. Olave's
6.30pm 22nd Sep: Guy's
6.30pm 24th Nov: St. Olave's

King's Health District CHC

6.30pm 21st July King's College
6.30pm 15th Sep: King's College
6.30pm 17th Nov: Kings College

Judie Langton-Lockton is the Secretary of King's CHC (Phone: 703 9498), and Beryl Urquhart is the Secretary of the Guy's CHC (Phone 237 8275).

We shall be pleased to tell you more about the work of the Councils and to supply you with copies of our Annual Reports. We were set up by Parliament to represent the interest in the health service of the public in our districts, and we invite you to let us have your views.

Guy's Health District CHC

St Olaves Road,
Lower Road,
London SE 16

King's Health District

75 Denmark Hill
London SE5

SOCIAL CLUBS FOR PENSIONERS

Age Concern, Southwark is trying to compile an up-to-date list of social clubs for the elderly in the borough. If you work with one or know of one please let Barbara Road at Age Concern have details please. Tel: 703 6105.

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS - SPECIAL PROJECTS

Christine Holloway of Consortium has been on a two-day course on how housing associations set up special projects, or establish group homes for people with particular housing problems. She is organising a meeting to pass on the information on July 12th at 12 o'clock; lunch will be provided.

For background information to be read before the meeting, details of venue etc., contact the Consortium office: 701 2209.

URBAN AID PHASE 16

Last month we published details of the play projects to receive grants under this phase of Urban Aid. Of the ten other projects submitted by Southwark, only three have been approved. Two are renewed grants to projects established under phase 12: a youthwork project at Peckham Settlement, and a L B Southwark social worker with Ugandan Asians.

The one new project is joint venture between the Peckham and Dulwich West Indian Association and Peckham Settlement, and aims to modernise part of the Settlement and convert it for use as a meeting place and centre for the local West Indian Community.

AGE CONCERN AGM

Lady Marre, Chairman of London Council of Social Service, will be the guest speaker at Age Concern Southwark's AGM this year. The meeting is to be held in the Library Hall, North Peckham Civic Centre, at 4.30, Tuesday 26th, July. If you would like to attend but are not affiliated to Age Concern, phone Eileen McNally 703 6105.

SELCHA HOUSES

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boundaries are not coterminous with those of the local authorities.

The Guy's and King's District Community Health Councils have now been in existence for a little over three years. It has taken all of that time to enable members to know their way around the health services provided within the Districts and to become acquainted with the problems of the managers and providers of the services. Both Councils have done a great deal towards encouraging a wider community interest in the quality of the services provided and wish to extend participation.

Month by Month, we hope to give you a brief picture of the areas of current concern to the Councils and our thoughts on how services should be developed in the future.

Our meetings are open to the Press and public and the next full Council Meetings are as follows:-

Guy's Health District CHC

6.30pm 28th July St. Olave's
6.30pm 22nd Sep: Guy's
6.30pm 24th Nov: St. Olave's

King's Health District CHC

6.30pm 21st July King's College
6.30pm 15th Sep: King's College
6.30pm 17th Nov: Kings College

Judie Langton-Lockton is the Secretary of King's CHC (Phone: 703 9498), and Beryl Urquhart is the Secretary of the Guy's CHC (Phone 237 8275).

We shall be pleased to tell you more about the work of the Councils and to supply you with copies of our Annual Reports. We were set up by Parliament to represent the interest in the health service of the public in our districts, and we invite you to let us have your views.

Guy's Health District CHC

St Olaves Road,
Lower Road,
London SE 16

King's Health District

75 Denmark Hill
London SE5

SOCIAL CLUBS FOR PENSIONERS

Age Concern, Southwark is trying to compile an up-to-date list of social clubs for the elderly in the borough. If you work with one or know of one please let Barbara Road at Age Concern have details please. Tel: 703 6105.

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS - SPECIAL PROJECTS

Christine Holloway of Consortium has been on a two-day course on how housing associations set up special projects, or establish group homes for people with particular housing problems. She is organising a meeting to pass on the information on July 12th at 12 o'clock; lunch will be provided.

For background information to be read before the meeting, details of venue etc., contact the Consortium office: 701 2209.

URBAN AID PHASE 16

Last month we published details of the play projects to receive grants under this phase of Urban Aid. Of the ten other projects submitted by Southwark, only three have been approved. Two are renewed grants to projects established under phase 12: a youthwork project at Peckham Settlement, and a L B Southwark social worker with Ugandan Asians.

The one new project is joint venture between the Peckham and Dulwich West Indian Association and Peckham Settlement, and aims to modernise part of the Settlement and convert it for use as a meeting place and centre for the local West Indian Community.

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At the moment Tenants Associations on 250 Estates are affiliated to ALHE and receive from this organisation support, help and advice in setting up and maintaining TA's. The ALHE have been under threat before from GLC (who are their main funders) when they have supported tenants campaigns about bad housing conditions.

PLANNING

In an interview with SE1 before the election, Shelagh Roberts (now GLC planning spokeswoman) outlined conservative policy on planning.

This is to attract office development to the north of the Borough, imposing no restrictions beyond height and access. She believes that by exploiting the value of South Bank sites for offices, more homes could be built elsewhere in 'a decent environment'.

She also believes that attempts to attract industry to the area are unrealistic, and would encourage trends towards office employment and service industries.

TENANCY AGREEMENT

A new agreement for GLC tenants is due to be implemented in September.

An important change is that repairs will now be categorised according to urgency, and a time limit put on their execution.

URBAN PROGRAMME

Responsibility for the urban programme and associated work has been transferred from the Home Office to the Department of the Environment.

The Home Office retains responsibility for the government's race relations policy and for section 11 of the Local Government Act 1966 which have within their areas substantial numbers of commonwealth immigrants.

The Voluntary Services Unit will also remain within the Home Office.

The Prime Minister has said that the interests of ethnic minorities and the voluntary sector will be taken fully into account in the allocation of resources in the enlarged urban programme. £125 million is to be made available under the urban programme in 1979-80; and it is possible that there will be further increases in subsequent years.

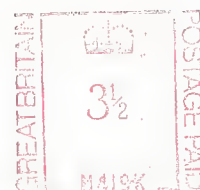
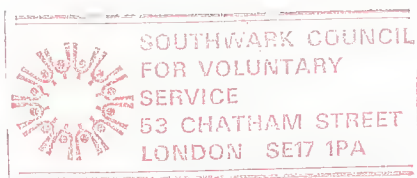
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The LCSS is compiling a list of people with knowledge of foreign languages to help voluntary organisations and non-local authority bodies with non-English speaking clients.

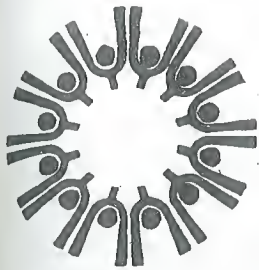
Anyone willing to be included is asked to write Filomena Fernandes, Migrant Services Unit, LCSS, 68, Chalton Street, NW1 1JR giving name, address, telephone number, languages spoken and whether a fee is expected;

LCSS is also revising a list of interpreters and social workers with special knowledge of overseas groups, and the new edition will be published shortly.

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August Opening Times

Due to Staff holidays, the SCVS Office will be closed on some Mondays and Fridays during August. Every effort will be made to man the telephones on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; but if by any chance there's no reply, do try again.

Conference Report

The report of the one-day conference on work with the elderly, held in June by SCVS and Age Concern, Southwark, is now available. The report covers David Hobman's speech, the plenary sessions, and discussion groups on isolation, accommodation, self-help and pensioners' action, day care provision and liaison between statutory and voluntary agencies.

The report is being sent to all those who attended the conference. Non-participants who would like a copy should contact Eileen McNally at Age Concern, 703 6105.

Annual General Meeting

SCVS's AGM will be held this year on the evening of Monday 26th September. More details later. Meanwhile, please make a note of the date!

LOCAL MATTERS

Fighting The Blight

A plan to reroute traffic and improve conditions round Camberwell Green was approved in principle by the GLC early this year, but is now in doubt since the Conservatives gained power. The Camberwell Society are circulating a petition urging that the proposals be implemented quickly, and that the Borough Council speed up progress on the Selbourne redevelopment area as local shopping facilities are deteriorating with steady loss of population from this area.

Community Education

An urban aid application, submitted through the ILEA, for a community education project in North Southwark and North Lambeth is likely to be successful. The grant will finance a worker, based at Marley College, whose role will include stimulating local educational developments and providing tutors and courses for groups of local people.

It is also hoped that funds will be available to support and extend the educational activity already undertaken in the neighbourhood. This could mean that much of the work of local action groups in drawing issues to public attention could at last be recognised as education. As could the learning process that many of us are engaged in about what happens in our community, why, and how, if we need to, we can change it.

from The Council Agenda

Southwark Councils' Service Committee are now preparing their expenditure estimates for next year. They have been asked to submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals for growth and savings

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during the year on the basis of an overall standstill on the one hand, and a ½% reduction in real expenditure on the other. The Policy & Resources Committee are aiming to identify savings of about £200,000 which we would then be made available for maintaining or increasing the level of spending on certain services, where special need can be shown.

Two items are to be exempt from the no growth policy: the development of a computer service, and the on-going costs of work undertaken under the 'Inner cities' partner arrangements.

GUY'S DISTRICT

Last month we gave you an outline of our geographical lay-outs and meeting times, and an indication of some of the initial problems the Community Health Councils faced.

Every CHC seems to tackle its work in a different way. In our District we have four working parties, an occasional ad hoc groups are formed to make representations on special issues, e.g., the Prescription of the Pill, the Borough Council's consultation documents 'Towards a Community Plan' and 'Complaints Procedures'.

One of our four working parties is on Care of the Elderly and Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons. After considerable work to ascertain areas of need, we are making representations to the relevant authorities, and we refuse to be daunted by the shortage of resources arguments. As and when the climate improves, we would expect much of the thinking and planning to be clarified. What we want to know above all, is how people themselves find provision lacking, not only in this field, but over the whole range of services, so let us hear if you have any views.

The Hospitals & Health Centres working party looks at proposals for changes in services and clinics. It has paid detailed consideration for proposals to change of bed usage in Guy's, St Olave's and New Cross Hospitals, examined proposed alterations in clinics throughout the District and made recommendations in relation to District and Area Plans.

The Mental Disorder working party has continued to be very concerned about the lack of District Provision for District patients. Sectorisation at Darenth Park is of current concern. Members are anxious to ensure that the facilities proposed for Southwark patients and the nursing staff ratios are improved before the hospital is sectorised in September.

The Family & Community Services working party has a very wide remit. It is preparing a survey into patient satisfaction with GP services, and also in consultation with GPs to ascertain their views on future development of services. The problems of providing medical care for the large lodging house population of the District is under consideration. Family planning, health visitor, district nursing and other community services are considered by this working party.

In a future issue we shall deal in more detail of the approaches being made by the Care of the Elderly and Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons working party.

BERYL URQUHART
Guys' CHC

GENERAL MATTERSIntermediate Treatment

At a recent conference on Intermediate Treatment, David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced the establishment of a special fund to make grants to voluntary organisations to enable them to start Intermediate Treatment projects.

Insurance For Volunteers

A guide to insurance for Voluntary Workers and voluntary organisations has been published by the NCSS. It covers protection for property and financial loss, claims for damages, and motor insurance.

'Insurance protection for Voluntary Organisations' is available from Research Publication Services, Victoria Hall, East Greenwich, S E 10. Ten or more copies 20p plus postage.

The Government has recently published a new white paper on inner cities, as result of several studies over the last five years. The studies found that inner cities suffered from-

- * A high proportion of poor housing and poor environment.
- * High unemployment - especially amongst coloured and young people.
- * Economic decline and lack of industrial investment.
- * A high proportion of poor families.

In Southwark this has meant a loss of 55,000 jobs between 1961 and 1971, and a decline in population of 51,300 in the same period. At the same time the proportion of skilled manual workers has remained more or less constant at over 50% whilst 52,000 of the jobs lost have been in manufacturing industries.

- In 1971
- * 50% of Southwark's working population worked outside the borough.
 - * 50% of office workers in Southwark lived outside the borough.

This misfit between the jobs needed and those available is a result of government policies to encourage industry elsewhere, and of Southwark's eagerness to attract office development with supposedly high rateable values. The result is a huge loss in suitable employment in the borough, and a steep rise in unemployment.

The Rise of Unemployment Over Two Years In Southwark:

	APRIL 1974	APRIL 1976	RISE
Camberwell	1286	3491	170%
Bermondsey	401	950	140%
Borough	1100	2632	140%

The New Policy

The Government intends to set up partnership arrangements with certain inner city areas, to which special resources will be made available. At the moment, they have chosen Liverpool, Salford, Birmingham, Lambeth, and London Docklands, but there should be scope for other areas to approach them to be included in the scheme. (Southwark, of course, is one of the Dockland boroughs).

The machinery of this partnership has not been worked out yet, but in the docklands, it is likely to mean a modification of the Joint Docklands Committee, and should include representatives from central and local government, and hopefully from local community and voluntary groups in the area.

What Will The Policy Mean?

£17 million has been made available to the docklands by central government for capital expenditure over the

next two years. In the next decade, a total of £1,000 million will be available to help rejuvenate the five specified inner city areas. It is expected that this money will be used for industrial and environmental schemes, as well as for social projects.

*INDUSTRY

New legislation will be passed to enable local authorities to attract industry by making grants and loans towards the purchase of lands and buildings, and site preparation.

*HOUSING

New arrangements will be made for Housing Investment programmes where the government will make block allocations of resources for the rehabilitation of housing and environmental improvement in inner areas.

A greater variety of housing will be encouraged, and housing mobility hopefully increased, so that those working in inner cities could live nearby, and so that unskilled or semi-skilled workers could move to areas with greater employment opportunities.

*LAND

Vacant sites awaiting redevelopment should be improved and used temporarily for recreation or open space. Local Authorities will have the power to improve access and amenities to make available sites more attractive for industrial development.

* ENVIRONMENT

Local Authorities are to be encouraged to build low density housing with gardens, and to remove heavy traffic from residential streets. There should be more small-scale sports and recreation facilities and places for children to play.

* EDUCATION

The Government will consider making more funds available to enable higher staff ratios in schools, and plans to develop in-service training, geared especially to inner city problems, for teachers.

Schools will be encouraged to be involved with the community, and in particular to open their premises for use by the local residents out of school hours.

* SOCIAL SERVICES

The white paper recognises the need for more provision of community facilities such as play groups, day nurseries, intermediate treatment schemes, good neighbour schemes and mobile meals. Through the partnership arrangements, they hope to make better use of existing resources and to improve communication between social services and health, education and housing services.

What Does Partnership Mean?

The aim of the partnership arrangements is to construct a joint approach in the selected areas by co-ordinating the different activities in education, social conditions, housing and employment. Problems in all these fields are inter-related, yet previously they have been divided between a mass of different departments and organisations with too little regard for an over-all policy.

Partnership Area Committees will therefore be established with representatives from Central Government agencies, (such as Manpower Services Commission), from Health Authorities, and from local authority departments at district and county level. The white paper states that the local community needs to be involved too but does not say whether representatives from local groups or voluntary organisations are to be included in the committees.

IS IT ENOUGH?

For the last three decades, the government has pursued a policy of attracting industry away from London and into assisted areas such as Northern Ireland, The North, and Scotland. New industrial development in the South East required and Industrial Development Certificate, whilst other areas were made more attractive by improved road communication.

IF THE POLICY IS TO BE REVERSED

Reversing the policy may involve disincentives to industrial development elsewhere, or considerable persuasion to attract them back to London. The docklands share of the £1,000 million to be spread between five areas can only have a small effect on this vast task.

Also, it is not clear what will happen to other inner city areas in need of help. Whilst still eligible for urban aid, most of Southwark will be outside the partnership area, and will have, as far as we know, no priority under the new scheme.

If the policy is successful in attracting new industry to the partnership areas, what steps will be taken to ensure that other deprived inner areas will not suffer even more because they cannot offer the same special provisions?

Literature On The Elderly

The National Corporation for the Care of Old People annotated list of literature for people dealing with the elderly.

'New Literature on Old Age' is available from NCCOP, Nutfield Lodge, Regents Park, London, N.W.1, and costs £2.00 for a year's subscription.

British Youth Council Report

The British Youth Council has recently published a report 'Youth Unemployment: Causes & Cures'.

The paper examines the problems and suggests plans of action for government, employers, trade unions, voluntary organisations and the EEC. It also studies the future of the Job Creation Programme.

Available from British Youth Council, 57, Chalton Street, London, NW1. Price including postage £1.26p.

Fuel Debts Handbook

A fuel debts handbook has been published by Wandsworth Rights Umbrella Group, with information on:-

How to check the accuracy of high bills, and how to

keep them down

How to deal with disconnections - threatened and real.

Supplementary Benefits

Methods of payment.

Available from Wandsworth Rights Umbrella Group, 75, Elmhurst Mansions, Edgeley Road, SW4. Price 35p+15p postage

Consumer Problems

A supplement dealing with mail order, faulty goods, household repairs, doorstep salesmen etc - has been produced jointly by the Office of Fair Trading and Age Concern. It contains information on where to go for further help and is available from, Local Trading Standards Office, 23 Harper Road, London, SE 1. Telephone 407 5875.

Holiday Guide

The National Council of One Parent Families have issued a Holiday Guide including ideas on low cost holidays, advice on making the best of rail and bus services, and possible sources of financial help.

25p, but free to lone parents, from NCOPF, 255, Kentish Town Road, NW5.

Youthaid

A new pressure group has been launched to ensure that all young people have the opportunity of worthwhile employment and useful education or training after leaving school.

Youthaid is funded by a private trust, and has just received a grant of £12,500 from the EEC Commission to conduct a one year enquiry into the transition of school-leavers on to the labour market.

Chairman Gerry Fowler MP Director Chris Brooks
38, Thurloe Place, SW7 2HP 584 5676

Charities Exempted From Tax Surcharge

The National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 is imposing an increase of 2% on national insurance contributions paid by employees. This is coming into effect at the start of the tax year 1977/78.

A recent article in NISS news bulletin announced that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has excluded charities from this surcharge.

The provision for this surcharge is contained in the finance bill and until this becomes law - it is proposed to relieve charities on a temporary basis.

So, any charity which thinks it may qualify should write soon to the collector of taxes (including PAYE referenceno, charity registration no - if any - and Inland Revenue Charity division Reference No).

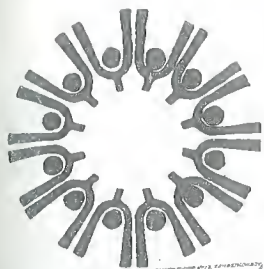
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Fundraising

Most voluntary organisations are finding it more difficult than ever to raise money to keep their projects going. And yet many do not have the time or resources to undertake large scale fundraising ventures. So: are there things that we can do together that we cannot do alone?

One of the suggestions that has been made is that a number of organisations could jointly run a charity shop. Or that SCVS could rent a shop and hire it out to member organisations as they require it. Another suggestion has been that a brain storming session to pool fundraising ideas and to discuss how to put them into practice would be useful.

If you would be interested in following up either of these ideas, or have any others contact SHARON COLLINS 703 9730.

LOCAL MATTERS

United Nations Week

This year United Nations Week is being celebrated during the week beginning 24th October. Our Newsletter includes a special liftout programme showing all the main activities being held in Southwark.

If you want more copies to display or pass around, call us on 703 9730. More helpers are needed for the UNA/UNICEF Flag Day on Saturday 15th October. Even if you can only spare an hour or two in your own locality, the organisers will be glad to hear from you. Contact Miss Caldin, 138 Woodward Road, SE 22, telephone 693 2452.

Mental Health

Southwark Assn for Mental Health are holding a new series of talks for befrienders at the Institute of Psychiatry this autumn. Starting in Good Neighbour Mental Health Week October 23rd - 29th, with an open meeting and a film, weekly informal discussions will be held with psychiatrists, social workers and others. There will be one role play session. These discussions should interest anyone concerned about the problems of loneliness and isolation- no special skills needed.

Programmes from Julia Birley 777 6611(day) 693 2600 (evening).

Space Available

Are you looking for space in Southwark? Bede House Assn may be able to offer office accommodation in their building in Bermondsey to another small voluntary organisation at a reasonable rent.

Rooms are also available in the Bede Youth Centre during the day, this might be useful for a community theatre group looking for rehearsal facilities.

Further information from Charles Woodd, Bede House, 237 3881.

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The Alcoholics Recovery Project has moved to new offices at 131, Camberwell Road, SE5 SE 5 OHF. Telephone 701 3129.

Peter Harrison is leaving Greenhouse Trust and will be replaced by Revd. Jim Rose who starts October 3rd.

S O U T H W A R K C H C ' s C O L U M N

The lack adequate provision for the mentally handicapped within our Health Districts is a matter of immediate concern for both Guy's and King's CHC's.

Many people from Southwark and East Lambeth who are need of Hospital or sheltered care are now housed in Darenth Park Hospital, near Dartford In Kent. Soon the hopsital is to be sectorised : patients from the same area will be grouped together and cared for by the same team of medical staff. This will make liaison with local psychiatric and social services easier, as well as enabling relatives and friends to establish a closer relationship both with the patients and with the caring team.

Both CHC's agree with this kind of sectorization in principle. So do Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Childre, and the Dartford & Gravesham CHC, which covers the district the hospital is in.

But both CHC's feel that a great deal needs to be done to bring the accomodation up to standards any of us would find acceptable in local hospitals. We have felt it right to insist on adequate provision of lavatory, bathroom, kitchen and dining area space as well as an adequate level of staffing. We have now received an assurance from the administrative staff at Darenth Park, that the new plans will not go ahead until the necessary building and engineering work has been completed. Members of both Guy's and King's CHCs are making regular visits to Darenth Park H Hospital to assess progress. And both CHC's have suggested that members of the AHA(T) should meet with them at Darenth Park Hospital and that if necessary they should consider taking on some financial responsibility for the sectorisation at Darenth.

Southwark Community Information Bulletin

Southwark Libraries Department have produced a new bulletin of upto date infromation on civil rights, consumer matters, employmentfinance, health, legal rights, race relations, womens rights etc. Initially it will be published monthly, for a six month trial period, and sent to Southwark Housing and Social Services Departments, Education and Health workers, and Information and Advice Centres in the Borough.

Autumn Courses

Among the conferences, courses, and discussions being held over the next few months are:

How to set up common ownerships/cooperatives. Thursday 6th October, 9.30am to 5pm. Fee £2 LCSS.

LCSS Community Work Forum on the National Empty Homes Campaign, 12th October 10.30am -12.30.

One day seminar on Community Education, Saturday 12th November : as arranged jointly by Goldsmiths College and the British Assn of Settlements and Social Action Centres

Management in Voluntary Organisations 15th - 17th November, fee £10 LCSS.

Morley College Course for those who have recently become ILEA school managers or govenors. Friday evenings for 6 weeks from 4th Nov:

Adventure Playgrounds workshop, Wednesdays 9.30-3.30, at Goldsmiths College.

Introductory course on Youth Work Skills, Thursday evenings from 25th October, Copperfield Street, Training Centre.

Community Politics, Monday evenings from October 10th, at the Addison Institute.

Making Meetings More Effective, a two day LCSS. to be held in November, fee £8.

Further details about all these courses are available from the SCVS Office.

MID/SOUTH SOUTHWARK LOCAL PLANS

We are now well into the first phase of public consultation about the local plans for mid and south Southwark.

The Council has published a booklet on 'Problems and Opportunities' in the areas, outlining its views and those of local groups, organizations and individuals who have written it.

Southwark has also just held a series of public meetings to get more ideas about the areas and about how people would like to be consulted.

There is still plenty of opportunity for people to make their comments and put up suggestions - send them to:

The Director of Development
30/32 Peckham Road,
by FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 1977

Many people are concerned that the consultation progress should ensure not only that the public's views are heard but also that proper notice is paid to them when plans are drawn up.

A group of 20 tenants', residents' and other associations and organisations has written to the Director of Development with detailed suggestions as to how this could be done.

Their suggestions are designed to give the Public a good amount of notice and knowledge of what proposals and alternatives are being put forward as well as substantial opportunity to express their views to key Council members and departmental officers.

The group is an informal one and ad hoc one and welcomes other bodies making contact with it. To find out more write to Stephen Marks at 50, Grove Lane, SE 5.

SCVS is also keen that as many people as possible attend the meetings and make their views known, and that the consultation progress helps them to do this.

We have been gathering information about the nature of local plans and ideas about how groups can best get involved, as well as contacts with others who have been through similar exercises. We have also produced some of our own publicity to try and stimulate more interest and can let groups who want to do the same have a look at this.

Has your organization's agenda considered how the Local Plan might affect it? If you want to include it we could help you get a speaker and display materials.

Contact JOE SZWARC ON 703 9730 at SCVS

GENERAL MATTERS

ILEA Guide

A new guide for parents, pupils, and ratepayers generally has been published by ILEA. The 8 page publication 'Your Guide to the Inner London Education Authority' provides information on local ILEA representatives branch offices, senior officers, and where to get careers advice. The guide is free, and can be obtained from the ILEA Information Centre, County Hall, S E 1.

'Mother Country'

'Mother Country' the new play from the Mutable Theatre Company, takes a look at West Indians' experience of life both in the colonies and in Britain.

The play is performed in the round and can be followed by a discussion session ; for this to be effective, audience size has to be limited to 100. The show takes an hour to perform, and an hour to set up. The company need an acting space of 30ft x 30ft, and a room to change in.

'Mother Country' is available from now until December 2nd. Bookings and further information from: Sara Davidson, 701 6710, or 286 7253.

Gingerbread

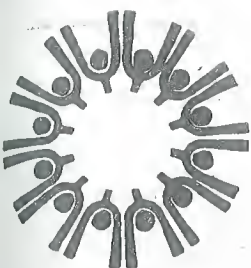
Gingerbread (who among other things) arrange low cost holidays for single parent families, are calling a meeting to discuss 'Does a holiday have a beneficial effect on the deprived?

The meeting will be held on Saturday, 12th November, at 35, Wellington Street, WC2 at 2.30 for 3.00pm. Gingerbread hopes that organisations who refer families to them will send representatives.

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NEWSLETTER

SCVS MATTERS

New Executive Committee Members

At this year's Annual General Meeting, the following representatives were elected to serve on the SCVS Executive Committee: Margaret Cochrane (Pitt Street Settlement), Jennifer Cormode (Southward Law Project), Judie Langton-Lockton (King's Community Health Council), Steve Radford (Southwark Trades Council) and Penny Renner (Balfour Street Housing Co-operative). Other members of this year's Committee are: Raymond Clarke (Chairman), Margaret Oram (Citizens' Advice Bureau; Vice-Chairman), S R Howell (Treasurer), Mrs E Cantellow (Royal British Legion), Mr J Colmy (Bermondsey Service for the Disabled), Mr J R Cottle (Southwark Youth Committee), Peter Hudson (Blackfriars Settlement), Eileen McNally (Age Concern), Andrew Watson (International Voluntary Service, Southwark) and Charles Wood (Bede House Association). Southwark Council has nominated Cllrs. Pruce and Mrs Brereton to serve as its representatives on the Committee.

CHC Elections are coming up

Community Health Councils were set up at the time of the health service reorganisation to provide the public (the consumer) with a say in how the NHS should be run.

The public's interest can be best served by YOU who know and use your health services. Ten representatives on each CHC are elected by voluntary organisations—some who have a central interest in health, and some whose interest is a general one.

These elected representatives are the major voice of the voluntary sector in the NHS, and are there to speak for all of us. They visit hospitals and clinics, comment on the services provided locally, advise on future plans for the Health District and act as the patient's advisor or friend.

To be eligible for nomination and to vote, your organisation must be 'approved' by the Regional Health Authority. The basic criteria that are considered are that you should have 'an interest in health matters' and be 'active in a CHC District' or have 'a particular interest in a health service institution within that district'. This can include associations, settlements community groups, advice centres, play organisations, and many others. So shouldn't you check whether your organisation is yet registered? (Contact Sharon Collins at SCVS, 703 9730).

CHCs are still young; in order to work effectively they must be strong. Their strength will come from having interested and committed people serving on them YOU?

LBS Community Plan

Copies of Southwark Council's 'Community Plan' are now available on loan from the SCVS office (in whole or in part). So if you haven't yet seen the 'Plan', or would like a chance to read the section that covers your organisation's area of work, phone 703 9730, or call in to the office at 53 Chatham Street, SE17.

Volunteers Organiser's Forum

The next meeting of the Volunteer Organisers Forum will be held on January 10th 1978. We shall be looking at different ways of using volunteers: more details will be sent out nearer the date.

Meanwhile, SCVS is compiling a register of opportunities for voluntary workers in the borough, so let us have details of your current needs as soon as possible.

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LOCAL MATTERS

Industrial Development Fund

Southwark Council has established a £3 million fund aimed at retaining and expanding commercial and industrial job opportunities, and at attracting new businesses into the borough.

THE SOUTHWARK CHCS' COLUMN

Guy's CHC

In the August issue we said that we would say more about the activity of the Care of the Elderly and Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons working party. We are trying to work out the relative costs of maintaining those in need in local authority or voluntary homes and hospitals, as compared with the costs of providing full and proper community care. As the working party continues its enquiries, it is becoming more and more clear that full support in the community is certainly not a cheap alternative to residential care.

Among other things, we are asking the Southwark Trades Council how they would view a possible approach to local employers to encourage retiring employees to continue to use canteen and club facilities (where these exist) at a reduced rate.

Hospital discharge procedures and ensuring a proper link between the hospital and local authority services before discharge have been under consideration for a long time. We have been very concerned that elderly and handicapped people have at times been discharged before meals-on-wheels, home help, district nursing and community services have been restored. This work is continuing and we have recently heard from the Assistant Administrator for Patient Services in the Guy's Health District that active steps are being taken to design safeguard procedures.

These are a number of areas we are exploring in the Care of the Elderly and Chronically Sick and Disabled. We are now beginning to form links with agencies, and have recently had closer contact with Age Concern, and with the Bermondsey Forum who are considering proposals for a project to help old people in Bermondsey, the Bermondsey Elderly Support Team—BEST for short.

King's CHC

For a long time now, King's CHC has approached its responsibility towards the elderly in a piecemeal way. For example, one group of members has been monitoring the Chiropody Service, another group of members has been visiting St Francis' Hospital and some members taking an interest in the long-stay psychiatric facilities for the elderly at Cane Hill Hospital.

A recent decision of the CHC to establish a working group on Services for Elderly will mean that there will be a more rational approach towards these services. Mrs Eileen McNally, Organising Secretary of Age Concern Southwark and a member of the CHC has been asked to chair this working group.

The group will meet for the first time within the next few weeks to agree its terms of reference. If you have ideas about what particular aspects of care and provision for the elderly, this group should be looking at, do please let us know. We would also like to know what you feel are the gaps in the service in the King's District so that we can work with a view to making suggestions for improvement.

The group will be anxious to establish good liaison and working relationships with the public and with voluntary caring organisations. There are bound to be areas in which we shall want advice, help and opinions from other organisations in the District, whether it be about hospital care, care in the community or any mixture of the two.

Please don't wait for us to come to you—do please start putting your ideas to us now.

LOCAL MATTERS cont.

South Bank Lodging Scheme

The South Bank Lodgings Scheme has grown up in response to the Southwark Forum Report on homeless children. It is based in the Blackfriars Settlement Neighbourhood Scheme, though it is planned for it to maintain a separate identity. It will have a dual approach in that it will run a placement agency to recruit people who are willing to take lodgers and match them up with homeless young people, while promoting self-found solutions to young people's homelessness by offering advice and support where needed.

At the moment they are looking for ways to distribute posters and leaflets about the scheme, to make it known among people who might have spare rooms to let, and among youth workers and others who might have contact with homeless young people. Any suggestions, offers of help (!), enquiries etc. to:

DAVE MARTYN, BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT,
44, NELSON SQUARE, SE 1-928 9521.

Parent-Run Nursery

The Trinity Nursery, owned and run by a committee of local parents, is now open at 95, New Church Road, SE5. The parents employ qualified nursery staff to look after the children—aged from 3 to 5—from 3 am. to 5.30 pm, Mondays to Fridays. The nursery is funded from the weekly fee of £9 per child.

There are still some vacancies for children in need of day care: enquiries are welcomed at the nursery, or on 703 9855.

They also need more play equipment, so if you can spare any new or secondhand toys in good condition, they'll be pleased to hear from you.

Homeworkers Campaign

The Southwark branch of the London Homeworkers Campaign (which is exploring the possibilities of unionising homeworkers) has started work on an exhibition about the situation locally. Leaflets and posters about the campaign generally are now available.

If anyone has information concerning homeworkers, is in contact with them, or would like to be involved with the campaign, contact Nickie Road at 38, Walworth Project, 38 Braganza Street, SE17-582 1223.

Phones for the Elderly and Disabled

Southwark Council's Social Services Committee has established new criteria for the provision of telephones to elderly or disabled people in need:

- * Applicants must be severely handicapped, live alone and be housebound.
- * Applicants must have no other means of summoning assistance, and have contacts in the neighbourhood who are on the phone and willing to respond to calls for help.
- * Applicants must have regular and urgent need to contact a GP, who is of the opinion that a phone is necessary—a doctor's certificate to this effect is needed.

All three criteria will have to be satisfied.

WELFARE RIGHTS IN SOUTHWARK

In our increasingly complicated society, the National Consumer Council, in a report published last month, has called access to good advice 'the fourth right of citizenship'. So this month, we're taking a look at what welfare rights advice services there are in Southwark.

A vast complex amount of law governs our every day life and welfare. Much of it is administered through the traditional legal system—courts and lawyers. But a quickly increasing proportion, generally known as Welfare Rights, is dealt with through a different set of Special Agencies and tribunals are the main places of recourse for matters such as social security, landlord and tenant relations, sex and race discrimination, and protection of employees and consumers.

The consequences are described in the National Consumer Council's Report'

"Advice is a growth industry. During the past few years there has been an unprecedented increase in the number and variety of information centres to which the ordinary person can turn for assistance. Society has become so complex that the experience of friends and neighbours is no longer enough. Specialists knowledge and skills are needed to cope with an increasingly forbidding bureaucratic apparatus."

In Southwark a wide range of information and advice is available from a variety of sources, (see map).

Southwark Council provides a general advice service through the Walworth Project; there is a joint GLC/LBS Advice Centre in Lordship Lane; and a more specialized service is available through the local authority's Consumer Advice Centre in the Walworth Road.

Welfare rights questions also demand a good deal of time of local authority Social Services Staff. Many of the people in regular contact with the Social Services Department have problems relating to things like housing or social security. For other people the local office may just be the nearest apparent source of such help when a problem crops up: eg. the unemployment benefit giro hasn't arrived.

Because of the increasing need for this kind of help Southwark has appointed a Welfare Rights Officer, Geoff Day, to train local authority workers—such as social workers—in welfare rights and to assist them in handling particular cases.

But the main provision of general advice, in this borough, comes from the voluntary sector. The agencies offering these services differ greatly in kind.

Some, like the Bellenden centre, provide part time service and rely largely on volunteer advisers. Others, like the Citizen's Advice Bureau, employ paid staff and offer more frequent opening hours. At BIAS at Balckfriars Settlement, and at the Advice Centre in the Blue, advice and information services are provided by paid staff and volunteers together.

The services offered by these centres are of key importance because:

- * they are seen to be independent of any of the bodies in relation to which people may be seeking assistance (eg DHSS, local authority departments)

- * they offer a **BROAD PERSPECTIVE** to advice giving—Problems are often not simply one thing or another, eg. an electricity bill which can't be paid may not be enough money, or a faulty meter or excessive usage because of damp or draught.

- * they are **NEIGHBOURHOOD-BASED**—their main clientele is from the locality, because of their closeness and because they are known. So it's a matter of concern that large parts of the borough (see map) either have no such agency at all or one that is open only for very limited periods.

Those centres which, like the Advice Centre in the Blue, employ a staff member with a community work brief, or which, like BIAS, draw on a pool of volunteers from all over London including many unemployed people with an interest in neighbourhood work, are often able to go beyond advising individuals to more general educational or campaigning work, and to offering help to local groups.

More specialized advice tends to be of two kinds—that characterized by the type of advice being sought; and that characterized by the type of person seeking it. Specialisation of the first kind has tended to be legal. As this kind of advice is often sought or needed by people going to generalist centres, a number of these agencies have specific legal advice sessions associated with them. (see list accompanying map.)

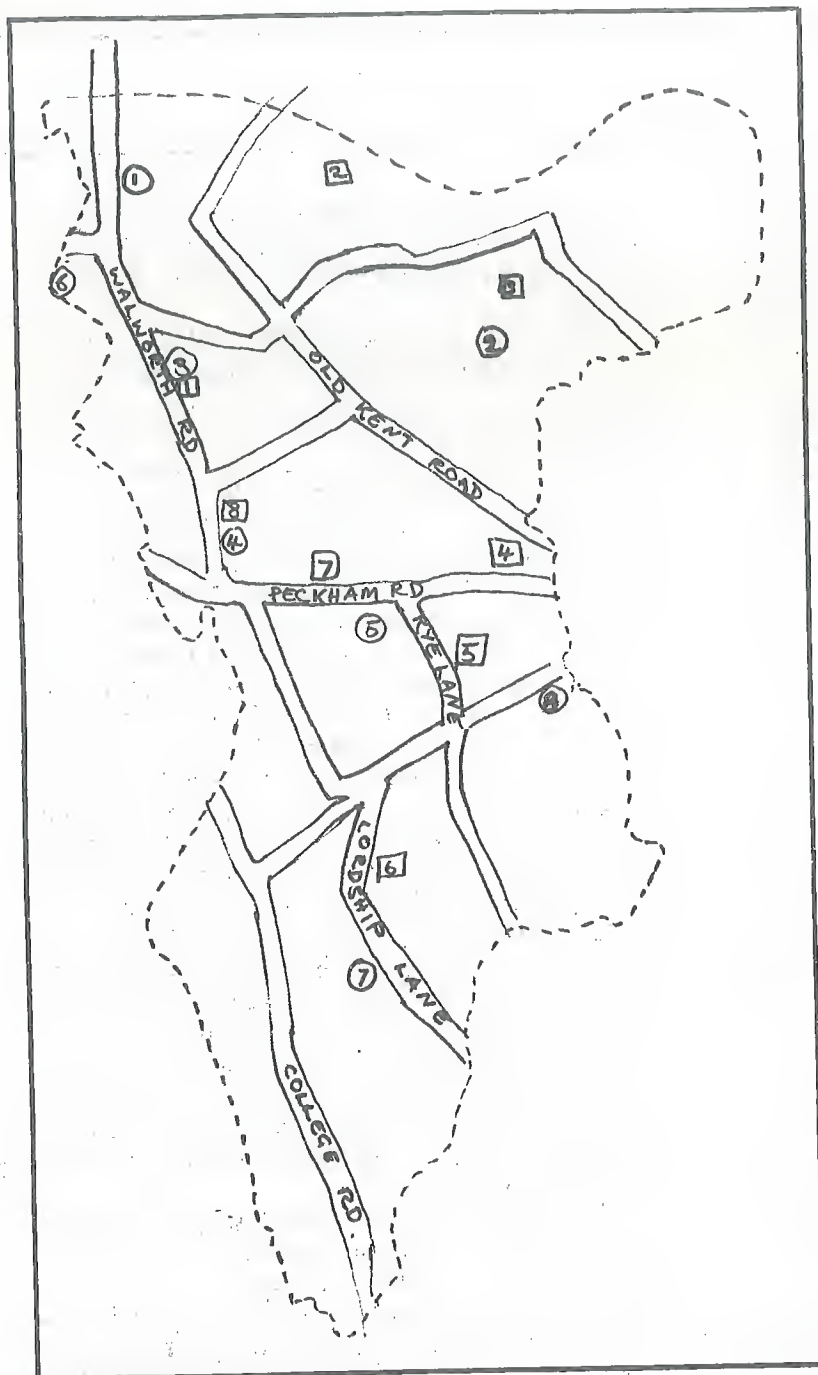
The Southwark Law project also offers a general backup to advice agencies as well as offering legal service to people in its local areas.

The list also shows the other main specialized services, whose names are explanatory of their work—Age Concern, Alcoholics Recovery Project and the Community Drug Project.

Two groups convened by SCVS—Review Body, and the Forward Planning Group for Advice and Information Services—bring together the local authority and voluntary sectors to assess the provision of advice and information in the borough, to look at gaps, and to consider how best they can be filled. One area currently under consideration is the need to extend the availability of housing advice locally.

A proposal is also a foot to establish a forum of welfare rights workers for mutual support and training and joint approaches on welfare rights issues. Access to information and advice is regarded as so important by the NCC report that it heads its publication "The Fourth Right of Citizenship" and says:

"The other rights of citizenship are worth little without the right to education and information. . . Education alone is not enough. . . People will not be able to get their dues as citizens of present day society unless they have continuous access to the information which will guide them through it, and where necessary the advice to help them translate that advice into effective action. . ."



STOP PRESS

Money Matters:

The BBC are running their annual 'Children in Need of Help Appeal' again this year. The proceeds of the appeal are again to be distributed to small charities which have little or no means of publicising their needs.

Details of the appeal will appear in the 4th December edition of Radio Times, and will include the address to which groups should write for information.

General Advice Centres: (□)

1. Blackfriars Information, Action and Support
44, Nelson Square SE1.
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-1pm. Wed 2-5pm
2. Advice Centre in the Blue
190 Southwark Park Road, SE16.
Mon, Tues, Fri 2-4pm.
Legal Advice: 6.30-8pm.
3. Citizens' Advice Bureau
199 Walworth Road, SE17. Fri 1-5pm.
Mon, Wed 10-3pm. Tues 10-1pm. Thurs 3-8pm.
4. Cambridge House Legal Advice Centre
137 Camberwell Road, SE5.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10.30-12.30pm, 2.30-4.30pm. Thurs 7-8.30pm.
5. Bellenden Neighbourhood Information and Advice Centre, St Saviour's Church Hall, Copleston Road, SE15.
Mon, Wed 6-8pm. Sat 11-1pm.
6. Advice and Information Centre (Walworth Project)
38 Braganza Street, SE17.
Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30-5pm. Mon, Wed 9.30-7pm.
7. Information and Advice Centre (GLC and LBS)
29 Lordship Lane, SE22.
Mon to Fri 9-2pm.
8. Nunhead Residents Association Community Information Centre, 100 Evelina Road, SE15.
Fri 7-8.30pm.
Legal Advice 2nd Mon of the month 7.30-9pm.

Specialised Advice Agencies:

Age Concern
33 Peckham Road, SE15.
Mon to Fri 9-5pm.

Alcoholics Recovery Project
47 Addington Square, SE5.
Mon to Fri 10-12 noon.

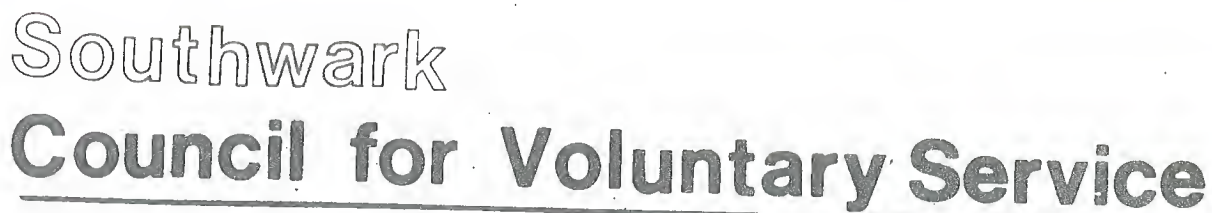
Community Drug Project
Burnett Hall, Wren Road, SE5.
Mon to Fri 10-12. Tues to Fri 2-5pm.

Consumer Advice and Protection Service
376 Walworth Road, SE1.
Mon to Fri 9-5pm. Sat 9-4pm.

Southwark Law Project
29 Lordship Lane, SE22 and
190 Southwark Bridge Road, SE16.

Social Services Area Offices (○)

1. Municipal Offices, 151/167 Walworth Rd, SE1.
2. 283 Tooley Street, SE1.
3. Lady Gomm House, 58 Hawkstone Rd, SE16.
4. 12a Asylum Road, SE15.
5. 4 Heaton Road, SE15.
6. 47b East Dulwich Road, SE22.
7. 29 Peckham Road, SE5.
8. 27/9 Camberwell Road, SE5.



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NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORY REVISION:

If there are changes that should be noted in your own or other entries in the Directory, please drop a note to Lynne Russell at 53, Chatham Street, SE17.

WOMEN'S CENTRE

THE BOOKPLACE

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GENERAL MATTERS

RECYCLING DEMOLITION MATERIALS

Southwark Council is planning to recycle useful historical and architectural material from buildings being demolished in the borough.

Under the scheme, local amenity societies will be notified when suitable material might occur, and demolition contractors will be asked to make it available to them.

Other material which could be used again will be stored in Council depots.

PENSIONERS' HANDBOOK

A guide to benefits, services and activities for the elderly in Southwark has been compiled by the Walworth Project and Age Concern (Southwark).

The cost of printing the 5,000 copies of the booklet has been met by the Social Service Department. The Handbook which is free will be available soon from day centres, Social Services area offices, advice centres, the Walworth Project, and Age Concern (Southwark).

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: The Local branch has a new emergency telephone number: 692 5228

SOCIAL SERVICES, AREA 3: new phone number is 237 6644

NEW HOMELESS ACT

A code of guidance for local authorities has now been issued interpreting some of the provisions of the new Housing (Homeless Persons) Act. At first sight it appears that the main provisions that will affect Southwark are:

- a) Pregnant women who are homeless will be treated as a priority group at any time after medical confirmation of pregnancy.
- b) Families will be treated as legally homeless if they cannot find accommodation together, even if individual members of the family could find accommodation separately.
- c) People will be regarded as legally homeless if they cannot return to their home through domestic or other violence (e.g. battered wives or people illegally evicted.)
- d) The Council to which a person applies is initially responsible for assisting them, even if they may subsequently be deemed the responsibility of another Council. In cases of dispute, the Council to which they apply is responsible while further enquiries are made.

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE TRUST

Youth groups and organisations concerned with young people are now being invited to apply for project funds from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust.

The guidelines for applicants are quite broad—'... if a project involves young people in developing their sense of responsibility and abilities and will also lead them to make a lively contribution in serving others in the community, it is certainly eligible for support.'

The Trust is 'concerned to invest in schemes that are radical and creative'.

Application forms can be obtained from: The Director, The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust, 8 Buckingham Street, WC2.

NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILS

In many parts of Britain, local communities have set up Neighbourhood or Parish Councils—organisations to represent their views on important issues like planning, housing, employment, etc.

Neighbourhood Councils also organize social events in their area, and provide services for particular groups—for example the elderly—in the community.

If you would like to know more about what they are, what they do, whether its appropriate to try to get one started in your area, how to go about it, etc, a new booklet 'A Voice for Your Neighbourhood' is available from HMSO, 49 High Holborn WC1; price 50p.

If you would like to talk to someone about the practicalities and possibilities, contact the Association for Neighbourhood Councils, PO Box 1, Halstead, Essex.

INNER CITY PROBLEMS

The Polytechnic of Central London is running a series of six lectures by outstanding speakers on the failures and futures for Britain's cities, particularly London.

The course is on Wednesdays, 12.30–2.30, from February 1st. Details from PCL Short Courses Unit, 486 5811 ext 397.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CONTROL

LCSS is running a short course 'to show how individuals and communities can exert control over the resources necessary for their health needs'.

The course will be held on Tuesday mornings, for 5 weeks from January 31st. Details from Ced Jackson, Community Work Services, LCSS, 388–0241.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

The DHSS has agreed to an increase in the fees payable to organisations undertaking supervision of student placements from £4.50 to £5.25 per day.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS

A new leaflet, 'the EHO explains simply how the Environmental Health Officer can help with everyday environmental problems in the home and elsewhere.

Single copies are free from: EHA, 19 Grosvenor Place, SW1.

THE WOLFENDEN COMMITTEE REPORT

The Wolfenden Committee, established to look at the role of voluntary organisations in the last quarter of the twentieth century, published its report in November. We have space here for only a brief summary, but copies of the full report are available from bookshops (why not try the Bookplace, see Page 1), or on loan from SCVS.

Despite the lack of previous research on the subject, the Wolfenden Committee found that the voluntary movement was of far greater size, diversity and strength than was usually recognised. About five million people in Britain undertake some kind of voluntary work, providing a total of about 16 million hours per week.

In 1975, organisations concerned with social service and the environment had an income of about £1,000 million. About half came from individuals, companies and trusts, and the remainder from charges for services, rent, investment and government grants. Real income from non-statutory sources like trusts and individuals, has, however, dropped.

The Committee identifies three main providers of social services: statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and the network of informal care given by neighbours. The Report's major recommendation is that the voluntary and informal sectors should be substantially strengthened and expanded, and should be better funded by statutory sources.

There should be a symbiotic relationship between statutory, voluntary and informal services, it is suggested. The voluntary sector may have 3 particular kinds of contribution to make:

- * it may be able to extend the scope of the provision that can be offered;
- * it may be able to improve the standards of statutory provision; and
- * it may be able to offer services where little or nothing is available through the state.

Looking at the present situation, the committee concluded that the pioneering role of voluntary organisations remains an important one. Also, the voluntary sector in some cases offers the consumer a greater choice by offering an alternative to statutory services. It is noted that the voluntary sector is the main provider of advice and information services. And the voluntary sector provides a vehicle for the expression of care and concern on the part of local community life.

The Government is urged to take a fresh look at the whole present pattern of the provision of social services. The committee suggests that it might be more desirable to encourage the voluntary and informal sectors to become major instruments of social services, particularly in areas where voluntary bodies can involve the local community

and the intended beneficiaries of the service.

But, for the voluntary sector to play a larger part it would be necessary, the Report says, to overcome the main weakness found by the committee: the unevenness of provision. Here it was felt the intermediary or co-ordinating bodies, like Councils for Voluntary Service, had a vital development role. They could encourage voluntary activity among groups whose involvement was low, and guide voluntary effort towards needs which are at present neglected; not least by providing representation for voluntary organisations and giving them support services.

On funding, the committee finds the present system for grant-aiding local organisations satisfactory but calls for local authorities to make more generous allocations to reflect the now acknowledged contribution to services made by voluntary organisations. It considers, however, that central government funding is necessary for local intermediary bodies. It suggests that £2½ million government funding should be made available for intermediary bodies in major areas, provided this is matched by a similar sum from local sources.

The committee points out that recognition of the value of the voluntary sector is not yet matched in most local authorities by the adoption of explicit policies. It recommends that each authority should develop its own policy, and that once the policy is decided, various practical steps should be taken. The first should be the establishment of criteria and machinery for grant-aiding; and there should be identifiable contacts within the local authority, possibly designated liaison officers.

Local authorities are bound to exert a powerful influence over the voluntary sector, says the Report. But influence should not slip into control. The committee recognises that some organisations may be cast in the role of critics, and it urges local authorities to establish working relationships with them.

When a policy comes to be formed, the question of unpopular causes (drug addicts, the homeless, alcoholics) should be high on the agenda. Voluntary agencies concerned with unpopular causes may have difficulties in raising finance, and grant-aid, even up to 100%, should be considered.

Local authorities have power under the Local Government Act to provide funding for voluntary activities, even though some do not use it as extensively as they might. The Wolfenden Committee suggests that government and local authority organisations study the matter and produce guidelines.

At national level, the committee urges each government department to develop a positive policy for funding central voluntary effort in its own subject area.

SCVS is planning a study day and general meeting for late Spring, to study the Wolfenden Committee's Report in more detail, and to discuss what action should be taken on the implementation of its recommendations locally.

MINIBUS ACT 1977

Voluntary organisations which own and/or use minibuses will need to become familiar with the new Act and regulations which have been passed.

The current situation is that clubs, groups and charities can own and use minibuses as private vehicles to drive any group of people but cannot charge. To get round this many groups ask for a donation to their funds in lieu of a fee, but this is legally questionable.

The new Act is an attempt to recognize this but necessitates organizations getting a permit and complying with certain regulations. If your minibus was in use *before* October 22nd 1977, you have to get a permit within the next *five years*; if your minibus was first used *after* that date, the permit must be obtained *this year*.

Application forms—and permits—are available

- 1) from ILEA for youth organizations,
- 2) from the Social Services Department for organizations helping groups like the elderly, children, and physically and mentally handicapped people, and
- 3) from a number of other "designated", voluntary bodies for other organizations—SCVS has a list of who these are.

The permit costs about £7 and will enable your organization to charge the specific kinds of people for whom the application is made e.g. members of the organization; persons whom the organization is set up to help.

It does not allow hire to the public or charging for profit.

The permit is valid indefinitely but applies only to the vehicle named in the original application—separate permits will be needed for each vehicle used, including replacement vehicles if a regular minibus breaks down.

If more than one group uses a particular vehicle, each one will need a separate permit—you don't have to own a vehicle to get a permit for it.

The vehicle will of course have to be taxed, insured and have a current MOT certificate (if applicable).

The driver must hold a full driving licence and be over 21.

In addition, the body applying for the permit will have to ensure the vehicle is maintained in a "fit and serviceable condition" and has regular maintenance inspections for defects.

Vehicles will have to carry a fire extinguisher, first aid kit and have specified and marked fire exits—new regulations have been introduced setting out the details of these, and SCVS has a copy of them.

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WOLFENDEN REPORT:

The last issue of the Newsletter carried a summary of the Wolfenden Committee's Report on the role of voluntary organisations. SCVS is planning a conference to be in the autumn to consider the local implications of some of the Report's major recommendations. We are also hoping to use the occasion to present a picture of the extensive and valuable work done by voluntary organisations in Southwark. Details of the conference will be published nearer the time, but if you have not yet read the Wolfenden Report, copies are available on loan from the SCVS office.

On 23rd May, as a preparation for the conference, there will be a special briefing session on the Wolfenden Report for the SCVS Executive Committee. Non-executive members are also welcome to attend: if you would like an invitation, please contact Sharon Collins or Joe Szwarc, 703-9730.

ACTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT

With the unemployment situation in Southwark at its worst since the war SCVS now have a full-time worker—that's myself, Pete McDonagh—with the grand title of 'Employment Development Officer' to look at employment issues in Southwark and to help where I can 'to maintain and create' employment. The job is part of a London-wide Employment Development Project being run by the London Council of Social Service until the end of December this year.

Employment is an important issue for voluntary organisations in at least three ways:—

- 1) The people and groups with whom they're working—e.g. the handicapped, young people—are directly affected by employment policies.
- 2) Voluntary organisations themselves do or could create employment opportunities (e.g. special item on MSC below)
- 3) Employment trends and policies do not operate in a vacuum, they are related (sometimes indirectly) to other social and environmental issues. They compete for resources—e.g. land, buildings, money—and the existence of industry, or the lack of it, has a widespread effect on communities and neighbourhoods.

For several weeks now I've been working with Jo Szwarc on these questions to try and understand what the situation is in Southwark, meeting people interested in unemployment and finding out about employment initiatives and projects. I'd be very interested to hear from anyone with similar concerns and about any action they're taking on employment. If enough people are interested, we could set up an employment workshop, perhaps concentrating on the new MSC programmes.

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MSC NEW PROGRAMMES

From April 1st the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) is launching two new programmes to help the unemployed, one for young people aged between 16 and 19, and one for those aged over 19 years. They replace the Job Creation Programme.

The aims of these programmes, are 'to prepare young people for work and to give them 'different kinds of work experience', and to 'help unemployed men and women to improve their prospects of obtaining jobs by providing opportunities for short-term worthwhile employment on schemes of benefit to the community'.

These government programmes give money for training and providing employment, which voluntary organisations could use to:

- a) Help the people with whom they're in contact—the publicity has made special reference to girls as a group, and to "under-achievers" (!)
- b) Undertake projects of benefit to the community, or to extend their own work.

In the next Newsletter I shall be giving further details of the types of projects envisaged—in the meantime I shall be pleased to hear from anyone interested.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In January, Southwark Council decided that it would substantially reduce the number of community workers it employs, and that instead it would consider funding an expansion of voluntary organisation community work.

Inexplicably, only a few weeks later, the Council has decided to **prematurely withdraw** funds from the North Southwark Community Development Group—one of the few voluntary organisations receiving Council finance for community development work. NSCDG employs two workers and runs a community planning centre in Great Guildford Street SE1. It relies heavily on an urban aid grant awarded in 1973. The grant is due to expire in March 1979, although renewal of urban aid projects for at least one further year is generally automatic. Despite the fact that the local authority contributes only 25% towards the grant (a little over £2,000 a year) Southwark Council has decided that the project should not continue after December this year. No reasons have been given for the decision.

The Council's action gives rise to three major concerns for voluntary organisations in Southwark:

*There was no assessment of the NSCDG project's work before the decision was taken: neither the workers nor their management were asked to submit a report; the local community groups that receive help and support from the planning centre were not asked to comment on the project's value. Will other projects be treated in the same way?

*Many voluntary organisations have in recent months supported the Council's process of public consultation on the new local plans to be drawn up for the borough. In particular, the NSCDG Community Planning Centre has made a major contribution in stimulating local awareness and participation in the northern part of Southwark. Council support for NSCDG indicated that the views of local people were important and of interest to those who represent them. The withdrawal of that support cannot but call into question the seriousness of the Council's expressed desire for public participation in planning.

*If one of the few community development projects in the borough is to be prematurely axed, what, in reality, are the chances of an expansion of community work in the voluntary sector?

SCVS has put these questions to the local authority: we have not yet received an answer.

CAN YOU HELP?

A snooker table (8ft x 4ft) in reasonable condition is needed by Giles House, a residential house for people with a drink problem.

If you have a table to give away or to sell cheaply contact Dick Madden, 274 4884.

POP-IN-PARLOUR

Age Concern Southwark is to open a pop-in-parlour at 239 Rye Lane, SE15. The pop-in will provide a place for pensioners to meet for a chat and a cup of tea. Talks, classes, a reading room and other facilities are also planned.

At the moment the building is being redecorated and re-furnished with the help of volunteers, and Age Concern hope to open the pop-in later in the year.

NEW ADDRESS

The Walworth Project has moved into new premises:—
Portakabin Offices
St Albans Hall
Penton Place
London SE17.
Tel: 701-1038/9.

COMMUNITY DRUG PROJECT

The Community Drug Project is a counselling and advisory agency for people with drug-related problems.

They offer practical help and advice with such things as legal, housing and general welfare rights, as well as on the more personalized, aspects of people's difficulties.

Apart from people using drugs, they also see relations and friends of drug users and people who have stopped using drugs, but who would like the support counselling can offer.

CDP workers are interested to come and talk to groups who would like to know about their work.

Burnett Hall
Wren Road SE5.

Open to callers: Monday—Friday 10.am—12 noon.
Tel—701 0294: Monday —Friday 10.am—5 pm.

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CHC ELECTIONS

Don't forget the meetings to elect new voluntary organisation representatives to the two Southwark Community Health Councils.

The Kings CHC election will be held at 7.00, April 27th, at Normanby College, SE5.

The election for Guy's CHC will take place at 7.00 May 31st, in the Court Room, Guy's Hospital SE1.

Even if you have not nominated a candidate for the elections, it is still important that as many of the eligible organisations as possible turn out to vote. Further details from Debbie Newhook, 691 2064 or Sharon Collins 703 9730.

HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

David Brown, Student Accommodation Officer at the Polytechnic of the South Bank is the Housing Interest Group's new convenor. He replaces Sara Neill of the Camberwell Society, who has served since September 1976.

TIME TO PAY UP

Ah, Spring! Birds, bees, flowers, and the end of another financial year. Time to make sure your SCVS dues are renewed—Membership fee is £3, Newsletter subscription alone is 50p—(that's below cost, so we welcome any contribution above that.)

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COUNCIL HOUSING QUALIFICATIONS

Southwark's Housing Committee has recommended to the Council that the residential qualification for Council housing should be reduced to one year in the Borough as from April 1st this year.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you know anyone with time to spend helping people in need? Our volunteer Bureau has a range of organisations who are looking for volunteers to help with their projects.

One is St Giles Centre, Camberwell Church Street, which has three sections—an adult homeless centre in the crypt of St Giles Church in Camberwell Church Street, an overnight emergency centre for single girls in Camberwell Church St, and a hostel for single girls in Denmark Hill.

Contact the co-ordinator, Adrian Speller, at St Giles Centre, or phone 703-5842.

ANTI-RACIALISM

Southwark Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (SCARF) is mobilising people to help spread awareness locally of the dangers posed by racist groups in Britain today.

It has already attracted a wide range of community groups and organisations, as well as individuals, and needs more help and support.

Individual yearly membership £1, organisations £5. Donations welcomed.

Contact—Membership Secretary SCARF,
c/o NALGO Office
Municipal Offices,
Spa Road SE16.

THE ACTION RESEARCH EXPERIMENT

This report of two years' work done by Shirley Otto and Frankie Armstrong in SE London highlights the role of research in improving the effectiveness of small agencies.

The report illustrates problems of independent social work agencies, contains a practical checklist for action, describes procedures for improving effectiveness and teamwork, and methods for problem solving.

Copies available from
SE London Consortium
131 Camberwell Road SE5

Price £2.50 + 20p postage and packing, (special rate of £1 plus 20p for Consortium members and other non-statutory social work agencies).

GENERAL MATTERS

BLEAK PROSPECTS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities has come out with strong criticism of the Government's policy paper *The Way Forward*.

These are some of the comments made by the Chairperson of the AMA Social Services Committee, Councillor Mrs Pat Brown.

- *the projected growth in expenditure of the personal social services for the next two years will barely cover increases in the numbers of elderly people needing services and children being received into care.

- *local authorities are being given no increases to deal with the needs and higher expectations of the mentally ill, mentally handicapped and physically disabled.

- *there is no redress of the effects of the recent years of cuts which have affected both staffing levels and capital projects.

The AMA condemns *The Way Forward* for treating personal social services as a mere adjunct to the health

services, claiming it needs to continue to be recognised as a service in its own right, and is strongly critical of proposals for coping with the switch in emphasis from hospital to community care.

(Source: LBS Weekly Information Digest)

CAMPAIGN BOOKSHOP

The 1st ever bookshop devoted solely to voluntary organisation publication will be opened on April 5th by Social Services Minister David Ennals.

The Campaign Bookshop is in the heart of the West End at 9-19 Rupert Street W.1. It is being backed by 4 national charities: The National Council of Social Service, The National Council for Civil Liberties Inter-Action Trust and Friends of the Earth.

Voluntary organisations interested in selling their publications through the bookshop should write to its manager Barry Hugill, at the address above, or phone it on 439-8233.

(Source: NCSS News Service)

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MINIBUS ACT 1977

In the last newsletter we outlined the new law and said certain organizations could apply for permits from the Social Services Department.

In fact Southwark has decided permits should be handled by the public control section of the Town Clerk's Legal Division.

KID'S SHOWS

Inter-Action Productions has a line-up of shows which can be booked for summer holiday performances.

They have various ones to suit different age groups and needs, including mentally handicapped kids.

For details of the shows, fees, etc, contact:

Inter-Action Centre
Talacre Open Space
54 Prince of Wales Road.
London NW 5
Tel: 485-0881.

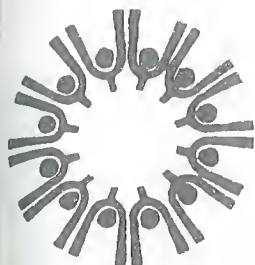
COURT REPORT

A national committee to promote better services for children is being set up, as recommended by the Court Report. The committee's terms of reference will be 'to advise the Government on co-ordination and development of health and social services for children and families with children'. It will be established jointly by the Personal Social Services Council and the Central Health Services Council.

Apart from the setting up of District Handicap Teams, this is the only major Court Report proposal to be accepted by the Government and a recent circular on child health services (HC(78) 5) requires little action from health and local authorities. They are asked to set up District Handicap Teams which 'should have close links with appropriate voluntary groups and parents' organisations'.

David Ennals has called for positive discrimination in favour of 'pockets of deprivation'—perhaps as small as a ward, or even a single housing estate—where disadvantaged children are concentrated. These localities should be identified and concerted local efforts planned. Mr Ennals has emphasised that joint financing money can be used to strengthen primary care services.

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HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

Both locally and nationally, there is continuing concern about the number of houses that stand empty—often for long periods of time—while many people are still without a home. The SCVS Housing Interest Group has recently asked Southwark Council to consider two measures which could improve the local situation by bringing empty property that the Council itself owns back into use. The suggestions are:

- * That a system be devised to make properties that are consistently unpopular with people on the waiting list (and therefore stand empty for long periods of time) available to other people in need in the borough.

Details of houses or flats that have been vacant for more than a year could be on display at district housing offices, and notified to advice centres, tenants' associations, etc. They could then be allocated on a first come, first served basis to people who:

- are resident in the borough,
- or have parents who are resident in the borough,
- or have relatives in the borough who are ill or elderly and need support,
- or are homeless and would not otherwise receive help from the Council,
- or work in the borough,
- or attend an educational institution in the borough.

- * That the Council appoint an 'empty properties officer' who would deal largely with short-life property. This officer would keep up to-date records of empty property, and of its condition, its probable life, and the kinds of uses for which it might be suitable. He would also need to keep in touch with local groups and voluntary organisations who are in a position to bring short-life property into use as homes or as community facilities.

(PS: If your organisation would like to send a representative to the Housing Interest Group, meetings are usually at 7.30 on the last Wednesday of each month at the SCVS office. Or contact SCVS for further details.)

VOLUNTEER WEEK IN SOUTHWARK

To mark London Volunteer Week (7th-14th October this year) the SCVS Volunteer Organisers' Forum is planning to mount a Southwark exhibition to illustrate the wide range of work undertaken by volunteers in the borough. The exhibition will be opened by the Mayor, and it is hoped that a broad spread of voluntary organisations will be taking part.

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If your organisation or group uses volunteers and you would like to mount a display in the exhibition, or if you want further details, phone Sharon Collins or Amy Wallis at SCVS: 703 9730.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS' BUREAU

The Bureau is currently up-dating its record of work opportunities for volunteers in Southwark. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a yellow form. If your organisation is looking for volunteers at the moment, please fill in the form with details of (a) the kind of work you are offering, and (b) the kind of people you are looking for, and return it to Amy Wallis at the Voluntary Workers' Bureau. We can't always promise to find you all the volunteers you want, but if we have a clear idea of your needs, we do stand a better chance!

PERSONAL VIEW

BUREAUCRACY—THE WAIT OF OPPRESSION by Rev Vic Watson of Clubland, 54 Camberwell Road, SE5.

Do you have a problem? There are literally hundreds of people you can go to for help—they are paid by the public to serve you; they are part of your taxes and rates. You are entitled to get this help. Great!

However, when you *do* have a problem, you very quickly find out that there are no simple answers, especially when you put yourself in the hands of the machinery of local or national bureaucracy. Even changing the sign over our own Church door into a decorous illuminated one must have planning permission submitted in duplicate with scaled drawings. One doesn't object strongly to that, but what is frightening and disturbing is that wherever you turn, the Machine makes you wait. You wait and wait and wait for service. You wait for re-housing; you wait for builders; you wait for complaints to be dealt with; you wait for surgical appliances; you wait for planning permission; you wait for help. And in waiting, you are pushed from this person to that, this committee to that department. Whatever has gone wrong, the result is that the people are suffering. They are being exploited and de-humanised by the gigantic machinery of a beaurocracy which seems to have all the time in the world on its side.

1. Take for example the plight of the people living on the Grosvenor Estate in Southwark. When will the hundreds of complaints about poor workmanship, incomplete repairs, cracked walls, ill fitting windows, faulty installations be dealt with? Who is it that signs architects' final certificates for the payment of ratepayers money? Who really checks work that has been done, and how long does it take to put right the imperfections? Why should it be so apparently difficult to get Councillors and housing department officials to attend a public meeting with the Tenants Association? How long will it be before those who are paid by the people come to the aid of the people? How long must the people wait to be relieved of this particularly nasty, piece of oppression?

2. Then there is the example of my wife's surgical shoe—a shoe which she used to be able to get made by the local back-street shoemaker who long ago went out of

business because he couldn't cope with the competition of large Contractors. Her current attempt to obtain a pair under the NHS at King's College Hospital started on 9th February. An army of highly paid contractors, technicians and hospital officials seem to be put between her and her simple need to get a fairly uncomplicated shoe. Her first attempt some years ago took 18 months; the second attempt 13 months and the present one is now in its fourth month with no sign of a shoe yet. How many other handicapped people suffer in a similar way from innumerable "fittings" and appointments with interminable waiting about, served by people who give the impression that you are an ungrateful clod if you timidly complain.

3. Then there is the simple (you might think) matter of getting a disabled drivers disc. In Southwark, the disabled person goes to the Area Social Services office to ask for a form to apply for a disc. "Oh, you must have an appointment to obtain a form. . . ." An appointment to get a form!! Presumably the poor disabled person, already under psychological and physical strain, has to hobble away and then hobble back to keep the appointment. On the appointed day, he will be presented with a certificate which must be signed by a GP, so the unfortunate disabled person has to make *another* appointment to get a doctor's signature (for which there will probably be a fee) on the certificate. This is then returned to the Social Services Office to wait for its processing and onward transmission to somewhere else. What an abuse of social workers' time!! What a de-humanising exercise for the disabled person. Since everything is dependent upon the GP's signature, why can't there be a direct link between the GP and some highly paid administrator in Castle House? As in everything else, it is the actual client who is the real casualty.

Sooner or later someone will gather the people together in a very serious demonstration of solidarity against those who are paid enormous salaries to serve the people. It may well be that they themselves are trapped in a system that has grown so monolithic that it is no longer workable. If this is so, let them say so openly and seek ways of changing the system so that there is more evidence of client satisfaction than there seems to be at present.

In the meantime, I invite any of your readers who are suffering anything similar to the examples set out above to write down their experiences in a brief way and send them to me. I will be glad to collate them and use them to let those we elect to our Councils and those we pay to serve us know how the people feel and what they suffer.

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BERMONDSEY/ROTHERHITHE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Once again a joint summer holiday programme is being organised in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe for children and young people of all ages. It will include playschemes for 5–11 year olds at Bede Centre, Abbeyfield Road, and Manor Centre, Galleywall Road, from 31st July–18th August, and at St Mary's School, Lower Road from 31st July–11th August. Also two 5 day adventure camps in Wales for 10 year olds upwards are being run between 22nd July and 2nd August. And a 5 day holiday in Norfolk is planned for children of 9–11 years who could particularly benefit from a structured holiday with a high adult/child ratio.

More volunteers are urgently needed for the playschemes. Board and lodging and/or fares to Bermondsey can be provided where necessary. Contact Mike Quinn, Manor Centre, 237 1560.

If you know of children who might be interested in any of the summer activities, contact Mike Quinn or Martin Kimber, Bede Centre, 237 8930 or 237 3881.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALCOHOL COUNSELLING SERVICE is now at:

92 Nunhead Grove,
Peckham SE15.

Telephone: 639 3252

Their Southwark session point is Monday evening, 7-9pm, at the Walworth Project, Portakabins, Penton Place, SE17.

GUY'S CHC ON THE MOVE

from Beryl Urquhart, Secretary, Guy's CHC.

We are on the move in more ways than one! After four years of life, our working parties have a pretty clear picture of what services exist and where the main gaps are. Any reader who has not already received our annual report will be most welcome to a copy by ringing the office on 403 3012 or writing or dropping into our new home at Francis House, Kings Head Yard, Borrough High Street.

Our new address is not a shop front one, but it is close to most of the transport routes in the Guy's Health District—two minutes walk from London Bridge which is served by many bus routes, the Northern Line tube and, of course, Southern Region, British Rail.

For some 18 months the CHC has been looking for more central premises, but the price of accommodation in the London Bridge area is, in the main, far too costly for members to feel that they could press our financing body, the SE Thames Regional Health Authority, to pay. Particularly at a time when resources are short, and our Area Health Authority and District especially will be receiving substantial cuts in resources.

We are, therefore, making a substantial reduction in the amenity of our office, but at least, we shall be more readily accessible.

Our offices for the last 3½ years have been within St Olave's Hospital. In discussions on bed provision within the District, we had noted that one of the great deficiencies in service for District patients was accommodation for psycho-geriatric patients. During the discussion, the Community Health Council pressed for an establishment of beds, and some of the beds have now been provided at St Olave's. However, it has not been possible to provide all the beds established because of lack of day space for these patients. That consideration, and the need for us to be more accessible, led to the decision to move. Let me repeat. Our new address is:

FRANCIS HOUSE
KINGS HEAD YARD
BOROUGH HIGH STREET
LONDON SE1.

URBAN AID

At long last the DoE has announced which projects are to be funded under the urban aid circular issued last December. Among the successful Southwark applicants are the Association of London Housing Estates, who will now be able to appoint a much needed local fieldworker, and SCVS: we plan to open a Housing Advice Resource Unit to back up the work of advice giving agencies in the borough. (More of that in the next issue.) The other projects that have been awarded urban aid grants this year are: Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre, Tokei Judo Club, Southwark Boarding Out Scheme, Area 8 Voluntary Visiting Scheme Extension, Colombo Street Sports and Community Centre, Aylesbury Teenage Centre, Elephant Jobs, Bethwin Road Playground, Osprey Adventure Playground, Family Crisis Centre, four playgroups, and Walworth and Aylesbury Community Arts Trust.

PECKHAM SETTLEMENT

Martin Pickstone has been appointed as Peckham Settlement's new Director. Martin, who started work in Southwark last month, was previously with the Youth Development Trust in Manchester.

SAMARITANS' BOOK SALE

Do you have any books to give away to a good cause? (Something that's been sitting on your shelf for years? Old favourites that the children have grown out of? That bundle that was left over from your last jumble sale? . . .)

The local branch of the Samaritans will be holding a book sale at Goldsmiths College, New Cross on October 13th and 14th this year. If you can help with publicity for the event, or if you have some books you'd like to contribute, please contact Clive Standen 735 4833 (or drop the books into the SCVS office next time you're passing).

CHILDMINDERS' DROP IN CENTRE

Do you look after other people's children? If so, there's just the place for you to drop in, relax, have a cup of tea, and meet other people doing the same demanding work as you are. . . where you can watch the children play happily in the playgroup and join in if you like!

You will find the drop-in centre at Whitfield House, East Street, SE17. It's open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 o'clock to 3.30.

AMBULANCE AVAILABLE

The 24th (Southwark) Division of the St John's Ambulance Brigade is now running a fully equipped ambulance and crew, which can be made available to take people to and from hospital, on holidays, on visits to their homes or nursing homes, etc. The crews work on a voluntary basis and there is no limit on mileage. A small charge of 20p per mile is made for the upkeep of the ambulance. For further information, contact: Divisional Officer D W Oakley at 37 Maskell Close, St Martins Estate, SW2; tel: 674 3442.

NEW NEWSPAPERS

The first edition of Peckham's new community newspaper, *Peckham Pulse*, came out in June. (Buy it at the Bookplace). The collective of local people producing the paper are looking for others to join them: they need help writing articles, typing, gathering information, drawing cartoons, and generally helping to put the paper together. They meet weekly at 6.00 on Thursday at the Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street, SE15. Just go along and join in if you're interested; otherwise contact them by phone on 701 1757.

Another group of local people—this time in the Walworth area—are currently planning a community newspaper for their area. They hope the first issue will be published in the Autumn. *Walworth in Print* (that's the paper's name) needs more help, too:

They're looking for people to be involved in the actual monthly production of the paper.

They need individuals and organisations to send them information about their activities, and ideas for possible publication. They'd also like to hear from people who may be interested in writing articles.

They also need various types of equipment and materials for their office (especially tables; chairs, filing cabinets, a typewriter, drawing board, T-square, guillotine, blackboard, shelving, letaset, stationery, pencils, rulers, etc).

If you can help in any of these ways, contact *Walworth in Print*, c/o 69 Balfour Street, SE17. For more information, phone Andy, 701 6550, or Dave, 703 4423.

LAW PROJECT MEMBERSHIP

Southwark Law Project was established by Urban Aid funding in September 1976 and has now been in existence for 18 months. During this time it has established its operation in its two centres in Bermondsey and East Dulwich and has developed good links with a number of local organisations.

The Project is now inviting applications for membership of the Project from those who support its objects. Amongst our readers there may be organisations who have used the Project's facilities and who would be interested in taking part in its management.

Those interested should write to Colin Roberts at: Southwark Law Project, 190 Southwark Park Road, SE16.

NEW CROSS HOSPITAL FETE

New Cross Hospital's annual Garden Fete will be held at 2.30, July 22nd this year. The proceeds will help to enlarge the League of Friends Pavillion, which is an asset to patients, relatives and visitors to the hospital alike.

Voluntary Services Organiser, Anne Franklin, would like to hear from anyone who can help at the fete, and also needs donations of books, nearly new clothes, records, cosmetics, bric-a-brac, and anything else that will sell. Contact Anne Franklin at the Hosptial, tel: 639 4380.

TOWARDS A COMMUNITY PLAN: POPULAR VERSIONS

Southwark Council has brought out a series of short, easy-to-read booklets covering a wide range of its policies and plans—housing, social services, environmental health, education, etc.

The set is published under the title "Towards A Community Plan" and is available free from the Town Hall.

GENERAL MATTERS

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 1974

This is a wide-ranging act affecting all voluntary organisations which employ people. It provides for general legal duties on the employer to protect people at work, and measures to protect members of the public where they may be affected by the activities of people at work.

SCVS has information about the implications of the Act for voluntary organisations and we encourage you to come here and read through it.

GAY SWITCHBOARD: 837 7324

Gay Switchboard provides an information, advice and counselling service for people who are homosexual and who may be experiencing particular problems or difficulties arising from this fact.

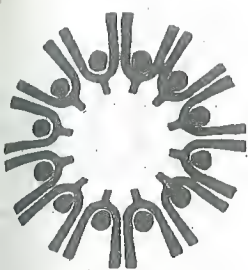
It offers a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, service to let callers know about gay organisations and social centres, and to refer people needing detailed legal or medical advice to places where they can get help.

The service is provided by trained volunteers who can also provide telephone support to distressed callers.

FREE ADS ON RADIO

Radio London is running a free advertisement service for community groups and voluntary organisations in London. Under the scheme groups go to the studio and record an ad which is then broadcast 5 or 6 times a day for a week. Professional help in making the ad is offered. For more information contact: Chris Mohr at Radio London 486 7611.

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INNER URBAN AREAS ACT 1978

At the heart of the problems of deprivation suffered by the inner areas of the country's major cities lies the decline of the local economies. This is the Government's view, and hence its immediate and essential priority in the urban programme is the regeneration of inner-city areas like Southwark, mainly through industrial and employment policies.

With over 1½ million unemployed, and economic output only just back to the level during the 3-day week, this may sound like a contradiction. But the Government's policy is seeking to redress an imbalance—the urban programme is an intra-regional one within the country as a whole, attempting to steer a greater share of resources into the inner urban areas (in a similar way the Department of Health is trying to shift the balance of resources in the health service from the south of England to the north).

The principle agents in this strategy are the local authorities—hence the importance of the Inner Urban Areas Act which recently became law. It is the legislative backbone of the whole urban programme and is designed to enhance the powers of local authorities to assist industry.

Its main provisions are:—

For the whole of Southwark, designated as a district authority under the Act (together with the other 13 partnership authorities, the 15 programmes authorities and 14 project authorities), the Council has the power to:—

- 1) Make loans to firms on commercial terms of up to 90% for land purchases and for the erection or improvement of industrial buildings.
- 2) Give loans or grants for setting up common ownership or co-operative enterprises.
- 3) Declare Industrial Improvement Areas (ITA's) where the Council can itself (or help owners to)
 - convert or improve commercial and industrial buildings
 - improve amenities, including the construction of access roads, loading bays and car parks, the repair of buildings, demolition, painting and cleaning, and landscaping.

For that part of Southwark north of the Nunhead-Denmark Hill railway (declared a 'special area' under the Act) the Council will have, in common with the other 13 partnership authorities, the following additional powers

- 1) To make grants towards the first 2 years' rent for firms taking new leases on industrial or commercial premises.
- 2) To give loans, interest-free for up to 2 years, for site preparation and the installation of services and access roads.
- 3) To give interest relief grants on loans for land and buildings, to small firms employing less than 50 people.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS : THE FUTURE

About 100 people - representatives of voluntary organisations, local Councillors, and Council officers - attended the SCVS / Southwark Council conference, 'Voluntary Organisations in Southwark : The Future', on October 2nd.

A variety of suggestions were put forward about issues like the future funding of voluntary organisations, the creation of better liaison structures, ways of strengthening SCVS, the need for an annual joint conference, and the possibility of short-term job-swapping between Council and voluntary organisation staff.

There will be a full report of the Conference in the next issue of the Newsletter. Meanwhile, a group is being formed to look in more detail at the ideas that emerged. If you would like to be involved in that process, please contact Joe Szwarc or Sharon Collins at SCVS, 703 9730.

The Act also amends

- the Local Employment Act 1972 to enable 100% grants to be paid in the GLC area for derelict land clearance.
- the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 to enable local authorities to adopt local plans before the structure for the area is approved, provided that the local plan is in general conformity with the draft structure plan.

These new powers will allow the Council to take a much more interventionist role in the local economy, in pursuit of its industrial and employment policies. Southwark have already built up a £3 million Industrial and Commercial Development Fund—these new powers will enable the Council to spend it with much wider scope than hitherto.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

The Community Drug Project is temporarily at 33 Effra Road, SW2; Phone—737—2888.

The NSPCC branch that covers South London Boroughs, including Southwark, has moved to: 266/272 Kirkdale, Sydenham, London SE 26; phone—778—3222 (24 hr service).

SOUTHWARK UNITED NATIONS WEEK

Saturday : 21st October

10.15 for 10.30 a.m.: CEREMONY OF THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall, Peckham Road, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Leonard Henley, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony conducted by the Revd. Fr. Anthony McDowell, Lt. Col. Harry Read, Miss Joan Rich, Imam K. Qamaruddin, the Revd. E.W. Southey, the Ven. Michael Whinney. Dame Margaret Miles, Vice President of the Council for Education World Citizenship, will give a brief talk on the work of the United Nations.

10.30 a.m.: "THE AMAZING MR BLUNDEN" - a British ghost story, and "ALI THE NOMAD" - UNICEF film on the life of a Somali boy. Junior Film Show. Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane. (Arranged by the Libraries & Amenities Committee of Southwark Council.)

12 noon: MASTER WORKS FROM GERMANY : a recital for violin and piano (Handel, Bach & Beethoven) by Andrew and Mary Porter. Dulwich Gallery, College Road. Silver collection. (Arranged by the Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery.)

2.30 p.m.: INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH : The Mayor's XI v British Council Students Centre AFC, at Dulwich Common Sports Ground. Refreshments available afterwards. (Arranged by London Borough of Southwark Sports and Social Club.)

Sunday : 22nd October

8, 10, 11 am, 12.15 pm, & 6 pm : "CHRIST'S PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD" (Mission Sunday). The Southwark Singers will provide the music at the 11.00 mass. St. George's (Roman Catholic) Cathedral, Lambeth Road.

Monday : 23rd October

8.00 pm : "DISARMAMENT - THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY 1978": talk by Lord Noel-Baker, Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane. (Arranged by the Southwark -Dulwich Branch of the United Nations Association.)

Tuesday: UNITED NATIONS DAY: 24th October

7.30 pm : DEVENTER & COURBEVOIE : how local organisations can make use of the Borough's friendship links. Illustrated talk; discussion, coffee. 53 Chatham St, SE17. (Arranged by the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service.)

Wednesday : 25th October

7.30 pm : POETRY READING by Peter King and Alaric Sumner. The Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich Village. Tickets 25p at the door. (Arranged by the Dulwich Poetry Group.)

8.00 pm : INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE. Talk on current activities, and coffee. 4 Sanford Walk, Sanford Street, SE14. (Arranged by Southwark International Voluntary Service Group.)

Thursday : 26th October

8.00 pm : SONGS FROM ENGLAND, FRANCE & GERMANY: Elgar, Brahms, Ravel. The Ionian Singers. Conductor: Timothy Salter. The Old Library, Dulwich College (entry from Dulwich Common). Collection for UNA/ UNICEF funds. (Arranged by the Ionian Singers in association with the Southwark Arts Council.)

Saturday : 28th October

FLAG DAY in aid of UNA/ UNICEF funds.

10.30 am : "THE AMAZING MR BLUNDEN" - a British ghost story, and "ALI THE NOMAD" - UNICEF film on the life of a Somali boy. Junior Film Show. Kingswood Library, Seeley Drive, SE21. (Arranged by the Libraries & Amenities Committee of Southwark Borough Council.)

8.00 pm : OPERA OF THE UNITED NATIONS, including Carmen (Concert edition), Easter Hymn (Cavallerio Rusticano), Polovtsian Dances (Prince Igor), Grand March (Aida), Ride of the Valkeries (Wagner). Southwark Concert Orchestra & Southwark Singers. Guest soloists. Conductor: Denis Coleman. Peckham School, Peckham Road. Tickets: £1.20, 90p, 60p, from Box Office, Southwark Entertainments 28 Peckham Road, SE5. (Arranged by Southwark Music.)

8.30 pm : INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL EVENING at 137 Camberwell Road. (Arranged by Southwark Council for Community Relations.)

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS FREE

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week, contact the Information Office, the Town Hall, 100 Borough Road, SE1. In view of the stringency the Borough Council is not publishing this year. Please help to publicise the events.

For further information about the United Nations Week, contact the Hon. Secretary of the local branch: Mrs. H. H. H. H.

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Sunday : 29th October

8, 10, 11 am, 12.15, 6 pm: ONE WORLD WEEK: a day of special concern for World Development. Members of the Cathedral Justice and Peace Group will speak at all masses. St George's (Roman Catholic) Cathedral, Lambeth Road.

2.45 for 3.00 pm : UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at St Gile's Church, Camberwell Church Street, conducted by the Revd. Fr. Rodney Bomford & the Revd. Donald Schofield. Preacher: the Revd. Fr. John Watts, Pastoral Director, St. John's Seminary, Womersley. Blessing by Bishop Christopheros. The service will be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, Members of the Council, and representatives of local organisations.

Throughout the Week:

PHOTOPOSTERS illustrating some aspect of the work of the United Nations will be on display at the Town Hall; Camberwell Church Street Library; Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane; East Street/ Old Kent Road Library; 29 Camberwell Road; 29/35 Lordship Lane; Trustee Savings Bank, Peckham High Street; Trustee Savings Bank, Southwark Park Road.

DRAWING TOWARDS PAINTING: SAMUEL SCOTT" an exhibition of drawings by the 'Father of Modern Water-colour Paintings', the most significant British marine and topographical landscape painter of his time (c.1702 - 1772). "If second to Van der Velde in sea-pieces, he excelled him in variety" (Horace Walpole). South London Art Gallery, Peckham Rd. Open until November 9th. Weekdays 10 a.m. - 6p.m.; Sundays 3 - 6p.m. (Arranged by the Libraries and Amenities Committee of Southwark Borough Council.)



SEE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

For United Nations Week Programme, please contact the Southwark Council, Peckham Rd., SE5. In view of financial constraints, the separate printed programme of events is not being produced.

For United Nations Association, please apply to the Secretary, 136 Thurlow Park Rd. SE 21.

SOUTHWARK MUSIC SEASON:

Southwark Music, Southwark Singers, Concert Orchestra and Band commence their 1978/79 season on 4 September, under their Director, **Denis Coleman**.

Southwark Concert season opens on 14 October, and continues until 1 July, 1979. There are to be four concerts in St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, two in Dulwich Baths and four in the Peckham area, and varying visits to Churches in Southwark. I give below the dates of some of these venues:

Saturday October 28	Peckham School
Saturday November *	North Peckham Civic Centre
Saturday December 2	Dulwich Baths
Saturday December 16	St. Mary's, Rotherhithe
Saturday February 10	Southwark Cathedral

* date to be advised.

There are vacancies for all voices and instrumentalists in the choir, orchestra and band. The programmes cover a wide range of music to suit everyone's tastes, including Church music, light music, choral work, symphonies, opera, chamber music.

Tuition is available in voice training, sight reading and all instruments. There is no age limit—age 16 upwards. Rehearsals and training are available every night of the week and arrangements are being made for a Senior Citizens choir in the afternoon and a Youth Choir and Orchestra on a Saturday morning.

Details can be obtained from **David Cook, Southwark Music, 201a Honor Oak Road, SE23. 3RP. Telephone 01-699-3309.**

A HAPPIER OLD AGE:

Age Concern Southwark together with Guy's and King's Community Health Councils are to hold a one day public meeting on the DHSS's green paper 'A Happier Old Age'. DHSS has asked for comments on the paper by the end of October. Speakers and venue are being arranged and the date of the meeting will be Thursday 19th October. All interested persons are welcome to attend, particularly people who are retired. A copy of the document will be given free to those people attending the meeting. If you wish to attend or would like further details, please contact: **Eileen McNally, Age Concern Southwark, 703-6105; Beryl Urquhart, Guy's CHC, 403-3012; or Judie Langton-Lockton, King's CHC, 703-9498.**

FRIENDS WANTED:

Southwark Association for Mental Health would like to hear from anyone with a little time—say two hours a week—to spend with someone who is lonely and isolated, through bereavement, mental breakdown, agoraphobia or other causes.

Starting in October, a new course of six introductory talks will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry. The problems of be-friending are discussed with psychiatrists and social workers in a very informal atmosphere. Those who agree to befriend on a one-to-one basis are introduced and supported by professionals.

The group, about 40 strong, has been running since 1974. Befrienders come from many walks of life, and may be any age over 20. More are always wanted.

Information and programmes from **Julia Birley, Voluntary Help Organiser, The Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent. Or ring-777-6611 (day) or 693-2600 (evening).**

MSC NEW PROGRAMMES

September is the official target date from when the Manpower Services Commission hopes to have its temporary employment programmes fully operational, although that aim does not put a deadline on applications from potential sponsors—the MSC will welcome proposals at any time.

Since the last newsletter item on unemployment issues several months ago, I have been in contact with a variety of individuals and organisations concerned with the sponsoring of schemes under the Youth Opportunities Programme (YOP: for under 19 year olds unemployed for more than 6 months) and the Special Temporary Employment Programme (STEP: for those aged 19–24 unemployed for more than 6 months, and those aged over 25 unemployed for more than 12 months). However, unless there is a far larger response from private employers on the Work Experience Programme (WEP) than there was under the Job Creation Programme (JCP) it looks as if the MSC are going to be short of their planned target of filled places in Southwark, especially under YOP, which is around 600. Only 6% of the target group over 19 is being planned for by the MSC, which is equivalent to about 220 STEP places in Southwark.

For any group thinking about sponsorship, here are further details of the types of opportunity which the MSC are willing to fund.

Y.O.P. The schemes fall into 2 broad categories: those preparing young people for work, and those offering different kinds of work experience.

Work Preparation Courses.

There are five basic types:—

- 1) Assessment and Induction courses
- 2) Short Industrial courses
- 3) Introduction to work courses
- 4) Occupational selection courses
- 5) Preparatory courses

All the above courses are intended to be sponsored by employers, colleges, skill centres and local authorities.

Work Experience.

4 different kinds are planned:—

- 1) On employers' premises
- 2) Training Workshops
- 3) Community Service
- 4) Projects

The MSC will consider applications from voluntary organisations to provide the last 3 types of work experience course, all of which must incorporate the following 4 basic elements:—

Induction to explain to the trainees what to expect on the course.

Planned work experience of a variety of different kinds of what is involved, and a chance to make a realistic assessment of their own interests and capabilities.

Training in Life and Social Skills and Further Education Personal Counselling and Support.

The aims of the three relevant types of work experience course are:—

Training Workshops.

To provide a period of introductory operative or other basic training or work experience for groups of young people under supervision. The kinds of activity the MSC have in mind include renovation of furniture, introduction to machine tools, painting and decorating, stores and stock control, metal work and clerical work.

Community Service.

To provide each young person with the opportunity to try various different types of community work, with the chance to exercise responsibility and acquire a range of basic skills. Sponsoring organisations which the MSC consider suitable include youth clubs, play groups, adventure playgrounds, those looking after the elderly, and other voluntary organisations able to sponsor a project.

Project-based Work Experience.

To give young people an introduction to the world of work, a chance to acquire basic skills training and the opportunity to benefit from life and social skills training. Projects may be large or small, say the MSC, and could include such activities as park clearance, the establishment of play areas or building a community swimming pool.

STEP.

The MSC will accept applications from any voluntary organisation with the resources and management skills to run a scheme for those aged over 19, for whom the sponsor would be the employer. The range of schemes cited includes environmental improvement (with special emphasis on urban renewal), energy conservation, social work such as the production of a directory of amenities for disabled people, renovation of furniture, provision of playgrounds, community centres, youth clubs, etc.

I'd be pleased to give further details to anyone thinking of sponsoring a scheme under either YOP or STEP, or to anyone interested in more information.

Finally, 2 short news items:—

—the first scheme I know of in Southwark under the new programmes started later in September—it is a YOP work training course (an experimental Employment Induction Course) sponsored by a group of Southwark Youth Workers for 20 young people.

—a local Special Programmes Advisory Board for Southwark had its first meeting on August 3rd. It includes representatives from a variety of organisations, both voluntary and statutory, and its aims include commenting on applications from Southwark and assessing the operating of the Special Programmes in the Borough.

ELEPHANT JOBS PRAISED

Elephant Jobs, a government-backed scheme which provides work and training for 72 unemployed young people in the Elephant and Castle area was praised recently by John Golding, under Secretary for Employment.

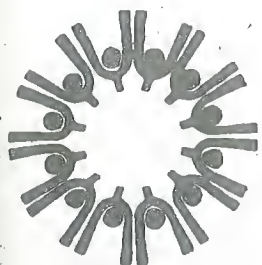
"It is a prime example of democracy having to go at one of the worst evils of our time—youth unemployment," he said.

The scheme was set up under the Job Creation Programme and is sponsored by two local organisations, the Blackfriars Settlement and Cambridge House. Southwark Borough Council provides premises at a nominal rent, and various companies have provided administrative staff to assist with the workshop's development.

"This is a pioneering venture of the most optimistic kind," Mr. Golding said.

"Central and local Government, local charities and commercial concerns have combined to give some of our young people the chance to begin a form of working life."

Elephant Jobs already runs a building contract and decorating service, and there is a section producing household furniture. Other workers produce pottery, silver jewellery and leather goods which they sell on market stalls and in company offices. Among their recent visits has been one to the NCSS.



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NEWSLETTER

*dear member, please mark your diary for our
AGM - Thursday evening, November 30th.*

CONFERENCE REPORT

LISTED BELOW ARE THE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT EMERGED FROM THE SIX DISCUSSION GROUPS AT THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY SCVS AND SOUTHWARK COUNCIL, ON THE FUTURE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THE BOROUGH.

A JOINT WORKING GROUP OF COUNCIL OFFICERS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOW BEEN SET UP TO LOOK AT THESE PROPOSALS IN MORE DETAIL, TO SEE HOW THEY CAN BE PURSUED, AND TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THEM. MEANWHILE IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON ANY OF THE SUGGESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE WORKING GROUP WITH ITS TASK, TALK TO BOB BRODIE (CONSORTIUM), PETER HUDSON (BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT), EILEEN MCNALLY (AGE CONCERN), FREDA HUDSON (FSU) OR TINE OSBORNE-JONES (CARR-GOMM SOCIETY), NEXT TIME YOU SEE ONE OF THEM, OR CONTACT JOE SZWARC OR SHARON COLLINS AT SCVS.

JOINT PLANNING

1. Review the outcome of the previous proposal to establish a network of interest groups. What would those groups now see as an appropriate mechanism for consultation between the Council and voluntary organisations?

2. One-off discussions between the Council and voluntary groups on specific areas eg the elderly.

3. An annual voluntary organisation/Council joint conference on major matters of common interest.

4. On-going arrangements for joint Council Member/officer/voluntary organisation consultation on:

- (a) joint planning in specific areas
- (b) urban aid priorities

FUNDING

5. Clarification should be obtained on

- (i) criteria on which the Council makes decisions on grant-aid
- (ii) the conditions on which grant-aid is given
- (iii) monitoring arrangements

6. Some grants should be guaranteed for 2-3 years.

7. Better consultation should be undertaken prior to any decision on funding.

8. Consideration should be given to grant-aiding administration costs of voluntary organisations separately from individual projects.

9. Voluntary sector research should be grant-aided.

10. Some voluntary organisations should present their aims and objectives with greater clarity.

COMMUNICATION

11. Consider mutual exchanges/secondments between the local authority and voluntary sector.

12. The local authority should recognise the availability of expertise in the voluntary sector.

OTHER

13. The voluntary sector should be consulted and/or represented in the appointment of local authority staff who will have significant contact with voluntary organisations.

14. Strengthen SCVS.

LOCAL MATTERS

NSCDG: GRANT RE-INSTATED

The future of the North Southwark Community Development Group looks a little rosier than it did this time last year when Southwark Council decided to withdraw the Urban Aid grant which funds the Group's Planning Centre. After a great deal of pressure from local people, community groups and voluntary organisations the grant has been reinstated at least until the end of March next year.

This means that the Group will be eligible for renewal of grant-aid under the current urban aid circular, which offers existing projects (with a few exceptions) continued funding for at least one year more ie till 1980.

COMMUNITY WORK: NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS

Major decisions about the future of community work in the Borough have once again been put off by Southwark Council. The "review" of community work which started with the freeze on Social Service community work posts in 1976 is still not complete. The Council has now decided to introduce a Community Development Officer post in the Town Clerk's Department, to coordinate the Council's own services and liaise with voluntary organisations in this field, and it seems likely that the SCVS Community Work Group's recommendation to establish a minimum of 5 new posts in the voluntary sector will not be fully considered until this appointment has been made.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Southwark Council has recently published a booklet called 'Facts and Figures', which gives a broad picture of the borough and of the services provided by the Council and other public authorities. Copies of 'Facts and Figures' can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Department, Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.

XMAS CARDS

Blackfriars Settlement Work Centre produces screenprinted Christmas cards made by members of the Centre. They are now available: due to the method of production numbers are limited, so ORDER NOW TO PREVENT DISAPPOINTMENT ! Samples and order form available on request. Phone Jane West :261 1404.

LAW TALKS

The South East London Legal Action Group has arranged two meetings before Christmas: On November 7th, Ruth Lister, Deputy Director of CPAG will talk about the problems of take up of benefits, inability to communicate, discretionary payments, rights and conduct of appeals. A representative of the DHSS will be there to comment on and answer her points. 7pm, Tuesday 7th November, West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, SE10.

And on December 5th, John Hobson from the Southwark Law Project will give a talk on Council tenants' rights: same time, same venue.

SINGLE HOMELESS DIRECTORY

A Directory of accommodation for single homeless people is now available from Blackfriars Settlement (44 Nelson Square, SE1 : 928 9521). The directory aims to provide a comprehensive list of accommodation and agencies available to single homeless people. There are sections on long and short stay accommodation for both men and women, as well as on housing associations, mental health accommodation, advice agencies, and much more. The directory costs £1.50 plus 30p, p&p.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Young Vic Theatre Company brings entertainment to your door this Christmas with 'Dick Whittington', a travelling pantomime written by Chris Barnes.

The traditional characters, villainous double-dealing, fights, chases, slapstick, music and romance all combine into colourful and fun-packed entertainment. If you want the pantomime to play in your school, club, factory, local pub, or any where else, or if you'd like more information, contact Pat Reid at the Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1; tel: 633 0133, ext 25.

NEW ASSOCIATION FOR DISABLED

Plans are being made to establish a Southwark Association for the Disabled. The new Association will work for better services and facilities for handicapped people in the borough, and its inaugural meeting is to be held at 7.30, November 23rd, at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham, Boyson Road, SE17. This will be an open meeting, and all individuals and organisations interested in the welfare of the disabled are invited to attend.

LOCAL MATTERS cont...

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

This year's edition of the books on sociology and social welfare that are available from the Camberwell Church Street Library is well worth looking at. Copies of the catalogue are available from the library. Or there's a copy on file at the SCVS office.

FURNITURE NEEDED

The Family Crisis Centre (otherwise known as Southwark Women's Aid) aims to provide refuge for battered women and their children. At the moment they are desperately short of furniture and kitchen equipment of all types. They particularly need beds, carpets, cupboards and tables. They have a van and can collect anything you can offer them, usually on a Saturday. If you can help, please contact FCC, 732 1986 or 732 2962, during office hours.

SHARE-A-MINIBUS

The Peckham Settlement are looking for another local organisation to share their 10-seater minibus which is fitted with a tail gate to enable wheelchair users to be lifted into the bus. If you need regular but not full-time use of a minibus and would be willing to share the cost of its upkeep, contact: Martin Pickstone, Peckham Settlement, Staffordshire Street, SE15; tel: 639 1823.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

The incidence of Parkinson's Disease is estimated at about 1 per 1,000 population. There are now plans to establish a South East London Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society, and an inaugural meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November, 8pm at the Obelisk Day Centre for the Elderly, Riverdale Centre, Lewisham, SE13. Anyone interested will be very welcome to attend.

The new branch plans to help sufferers and their families by enabling them to share information and practical experience and by arranging social activities. Voluntary helpers will also be needed to assist in a variety of ways : particularly with the provision of transport, since many of the sufferers find it difficult to travel without assistance.

FREE BOOKS

After their very successful book sale at Goldsmiths' College last month, the local branch of the Samaritans have a number of children's books, and books on a variety of subjects left over. They would be happy to donate any or all of these to anyone who can make good use of them. Contact: The Samaritans, 134 Lewisham Way, SE14; tel: 692 5228.

GENERAL MATTERS

MULTI-RACIAL SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION

The inaugural meeting of the Association for Multi-Racial Social Work was held in Rugby recently. The new association aims to:

- * encourage the employment and training of members of ethnic minorities in social work;
- * press for the introduction of training to prepare all social workers for practice in a multi-racial society;
- * encourage all social work organisations to make their race relations policy explicit; and to encourage a multi-racial stance;
- * promote the gathering and disseminating of data, theory and news relating to current social work practice in a multi-racial context.

If you wish to join the Association, or would like further information, please contact: Charles Husband, School of Social Work, 107 Princess Road, Leicester; tel: 0533 27194 : 709681.

INNER URBAN AREAS ACT

The NCSS has produced a brief summary of the Inner Urban Areas Act for use by voluntary organisations. Copies can be obtained by sending a sae to: Liz George, NCSS, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1.

PAYMENT FOR LIFTS OK

The new Transport Act came into effect on September 1st, redefining conditions under which car users can accept payment from passengers for lifts. The provisions remove a long-standing anomaly in the law which required drivers of private cars to have public service vehicle licences before they could legally give lifts on a regular basis, if there was payment involved.

GENERAL MATTERS (cont.)

ALCOHOL PROJECTS REFERRAL GUIDE:

Increased public awareness regarding problems related to excessive drinking has resulted in a growing need for information concerning organisations which provide residential care for those who need help.

A new publication—The Alcohol Projects Referral Guide—gives professional workers and those who may know of someone needing assistance all the information they need concerning residential facilities of various kinds.

A unique feature incorporated within the Guide is a wall chart which will be an additional aid to provide 'at a glance' a wide range of information concerning each of the projects listed, including the type of client accepted and the level of socialwork support available.

Information is limited to alcoholism facilities provided by non-statutory organisations, as details of hospital treatment units, emergency accommodation of a general nature and counselling services, are available elsewhere.

Copies of the Guide are available from: **South East London Consortium, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5, price £1.50 plus 20p p&p.**

MARINE LIFE CAMPAIGN:

The World Wildlife Fund has launched a fund-raising campaign based on marine life. Schools and youth organisations are invited to undertake sponsored spell-ins from a list supplied by the Fund, and a sponsored quiz is also available. For more information contact Cyril Littlewood, World Wildlife Fund, Marston Court, 98/106 Manor Road, Wallington, Surrey.

GAMES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE:

A games/aid board for the physically handicapped has been produced by Stalker Engineering. The board allows the disabled to play games such as chess draughts or ludo, using steel pieces which are moved around by an electromagnet. There is a choice of standard or specially-designed switch. For more information, contact: **Stalker Engineering Lawn, Lower Row, Holt, Wimborne, Dorset.**

HELP FROM THE GLC

The GLC is introducing a scheme to allow voluntary organisations and community groups free use of GLC parks' sites and facilities, and up to £250 worth of services without charge. The services provided will consist mainly of the use of equipment, electricity and staff time.

The arrangement will apply only to events that are open to the public with no admission charge. Commercial promotions or large scale events requiring more substantial Council aid will not be included in the scheme.

COVENANTS OK:

The Inland Revenue has confirmed that covenanted donations to charity will be unaffected by the new 25% tax band announced by Denis Healey in this year's budget speech.

"The person making the payment to the charity under the deed of covenant would continue to deduct from the payment tax at the basic rate in force for the relevant year of assessment", an Inland Revenue spokesman told the NCSS. "The charity would still be able to reclaim tax at the basic rate from the Inland Revenue. The fact that the covenantor was only liable to tax at the rate of 25% would be of no significance in this connection."

EOC GRANTS

Voluntary organisations can now apply to the Equal Opportunities Commission for grants. Under Section 54 of the Sex Discrimination Act, the Commission has the power to make grants for research and educational activities which it considers would contribute to the elimination of discrimination, the promotion of equality of opportunity between men and women generally, or the review of how the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts are working.

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THE NEW TOWN HALL & YOU

Southwark Council's decision, last month, to proceed with the building of a new Town Hall raises a number of important issues for all those who live and work in the borough:

- Is the considerable sum of money involved - estimates vary around £70 million - worth it, set against so many other pressing needs?
- Should a less expensive alternative be considered?
- Has the Council adequately consulted the public? The Borough claims that the proposal to build a new town hall has been talked about for years. But it is only in recent months that the financial and physical scale of the project has begun to be known.

At its last meeting, the Executive Committee of SCVS called on all local voluntary organisations to look carefully at the issues involved in one of the most controversial and major plans to have been put forward here in recent years, and to let their views be known:

~ IF YOU DISAGREE with the decision to proceed with building a new expensive and elaborate town hall in Peckham:

- * write to Cllr J O'Grady, Leader of the Council, c/o Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5, asking that the Council reconsider its current policy;
- * write to Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SW1, asking that a public enquiry be held to consider the plans;
- * contact the Peckham Action Group, 60 Nutbrook Street, SE15, for further information and advice on what to do next.

~ IF YOU AGREE with the Council's decision:

- * you need take no action, but might like to let us at SCVS know your reasons.

~ IF YOU THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CONSULTATION, whatever the merits of the Council's proposal:

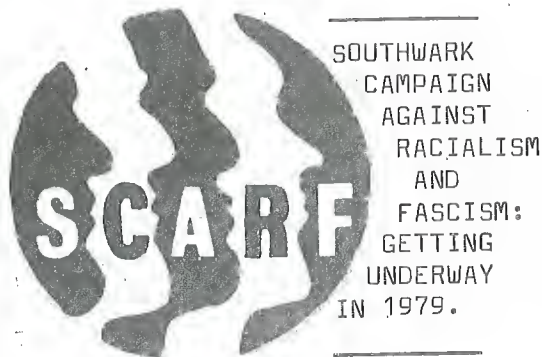
- * write to Cllr J O'Grady, Leader of the Council, c/o Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5, asking that the Council's plans be deferred until further consultation has taken place;
- * write to Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SW1, asking that a public enquiry be held to consider the plans.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES VISITS

A meeting to discuss the possibilities of exchanges between voluntary organisations in Southwark and those in Deventer and Courbevoie was held in United Nations Week. Any local organisation wishing to arrange such a visit should contact us at SCVS and we will endeavour to find a 'matching group' in one of the twin towns.

WOLFENDEN REPORT

Although no central SCVS response to the Government's Consultative document is being submitted, a number of member organisations are thinking about sending in comments. To keep us up to date and to enable us to facilitate an exchange of views between members, please let SCVS have a copy of any submission you are making. Also, let us know if you would like to get together with other interested people locally to discuss the report.



Southwark Campaign Against Racism and Fascism has published a newsletter with information about its own activities and those of related campaigns, a piece on how to respond to racist articles in the media, and reviews of anti-racist literature.

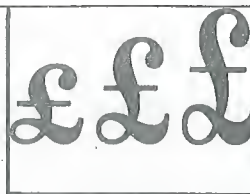
Several key dates to take note of are:

2nd February - Peter Hain speaks at the SCARF General Meeting, Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Walworth Road; 7.30p.m.

4th February - SCARF Street meeting, East Street Market, 10.30a.m. - the NF have been selling their newspapers here, so a good turnout of people is wanted. Assemble in Carter Street.

4th March - Education Conference for people teaching, working with youngsters - How can race issues be tackled in the classroom, youth club, etc. What resources are there? How adequate are they? Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Road, SE1. Starts at noon. Lunch available.

SCARF has also produced a new badge (above). For more information about the Campaign and how to join & get involved, write to SCARF at 136 Lordship Lane, SE22, or simply turn up to one of the activities listed here.



(1) GETTING IT

S.C.V.S. has a series of information packs designed to help voluntary organisations get funds from various sources - government, industry, trusts, and by holding special events.

The packs have been published by the Directory of Social Change, and are the edited transcripts of some "Raising Money" seminars organised by the Directory in 1977.

You can borrow them from us.

(2) SAVING IT

One way of saving money is to cut the heavy costs of fuel bills, and the Department of Energy has set up two ways of helping organisations do this:

(A) EQAS: The Energy Quick Advice Service aims to provide quick and free advice on how to save energy and use it most effectively.

Its available Monday-Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. by dialling the operator on 100 and asking for Freephone 3140.

(B) ENERGY SURVEY SCHEME: this is designed to encourage organisations to employ consultants to help identify ways of reducing energy consumption.

The scheme offers up to £75 towards the cost of a one-day visit by a consultant and up to half the cost of 'Extended Energy Surveys' ie longer, more intensive ones.

If you want more details about the schemes SCVS has explanatory leaflets issued by the Department of Energy and a list of consultant who undertake surveys.

15p LIFE INSURANCE

Hertfordshire Association for the Disabled (H.A.D.) issues a small pocket/handbag size plastic wallet for people to carry in case of accident or collapse.

Inside is an information sheet for the carrier to fill out with such details as allergies, previous medical history, medication being taken, doctor, etc.

Its called a PERSONAL INFORMATION WALLET and can be obtained from HAD for 15p plus s.a.e. Address: 2 Townsend Avenue, St Albans, Herts., AL1 3SG

HOMELESS HELP EXTENDED

The Homeless Persons Act, which came into force on December 1st 1977, spelled out the responsibility of Local Authorities to help groups of people held to be "in priority need" eg those over retirement age, pregnant women.

Most people below retirement age without dependent children are not accepted as a rehousing responsibility, but may be in urgent need.

Southwark's Housing Committee has therefore decided to extend eligibility for being regarded "in priority need" to all applicants aged 55 and over, provided they satisfy the other general criteria ie they have not made themselves "intentionally" homeless, and have a "local connection".

HOUSING LEAFLETS

Southwark's Housing Department has begun issuing a series of leaflets explaining its policies and giving general information about the housing situation in the Borough.

The first leaflet explains the long-shrouded mystery of the 'Points Scheme' - how the Council works out who is in most need on the Housing List.



Other titles in the series include 'How to get a Council Home', 'Council Homes and Race Relations', 'Housing Associations' and 'Housing Cooperatives'.

If you want copies contact Mike Crook of the Housing Department Research and Development Group, 38 Rye Lane, SE15.

KIDS WANTED

There are vacancies for kids to join the Rainbow Playgroup at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road SE5.

For more information contact the playgroup, Monday to Friday, 9.45 am - 12.15 p.m. or phone Mrs Cook on 703 4813.

HELP!
SOUTHWARK'S
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URGENTLY NEEDS SHEETS
& BLANKETS.
IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE
LET S.C.V.S. KNOW, ON
703 9730 or 701 3816.

MOVING PICTURES

CONSORTIUM is showing a series of films on social issues of concern to staff and users of its member agencies and a wide range of other voluntary organisations.

The films are being shown in the Cambridge House canteen, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5, at 5.30 p.m. on:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7th: "Welfare"
A noted documentary by Fred Wiseman, closely examines a New York welfare centre, its staff and users. Made in 1975, it runs for 167 minutes.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7th: "The Fix"
A recent BBC "Man Alive" film about drugs - the problems, the people, some of the London Street agencies. Made in 1978, running for 50 minutes.

EVENING CLASSES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The Frobisher Adult Education Institute has organised a wide range of evening classes at a centre specially designed for handicapped people.

Its the Alfred Morris Centre in Clyde Street Deptford and the classes are held on Thursdays and Tuesdays. The subjects on offer include craft, art, woodwork, indoor bowls, cooking and dressmaking.

Non-handicapped friends and relatives are welcome to join, as are people with their own transport who would be willing to bring along a handicapped student and take them home again.

For more details contact Pam Foster at Frobisher AEI, St Mary's Road, Peckham, SE15. Phone: 639 2582/639 1178, or 237 1491 between 7 and 9 p.m.

LONDON TEENAGE WORKCAMPS

International Voluntary Service are planning a number of international workcamps for London teenagers this summer. If you are in touch with young people who might like to take part, or can help in any other way, contact Andrew Watson at the address below. This article outlines the history of the scheme, and gives some idea of how IVS workcamps are run.

In 1972, International Voluntary Service started a Northern Ireland children's holiday scheme, which with the involvement of several other IVS European branches, provided holidays for children from areas of conflict in Northern Ireland. Teenagers were however not catered for by this scheme yet they were as much at risk. Following a suggestion by the IVS French branch of integrating teenagers into the 'international workcamp' structure, a teenage scheme for 16 to 19 year olds was launched in 1974.

Workcamps provide voluntary assistance such as with improving recreation areas for a community or helping the elderly and handicapped. Throughout the 2 or 3 week duration of a workcamp volunteers live, work (30-35 hours per week) and have fun together with equality as a basis. Domestic chores, the work routine, etc must be discussed and worked out by mutual consent and this also means equal responsibility for the success of the camp. Similarly, the London teenage workcamp programme will afford teenagers the opportunity of participating in voluntary and community work with the consequent responsibilities and experiences.

A full time officer should be commencing work this month, probably based in Camberwell, and will seek contacts for recruiting teenagers through IVS local groups, youth

and community organisations, claimants unions, etc. Four pilot summer workcamps will be organised this year.

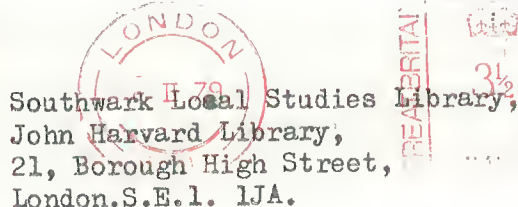
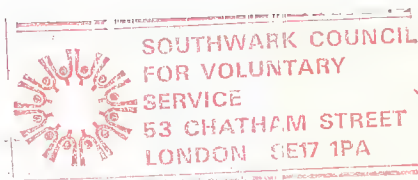
Preliminary work weekends prior to the summer camps are used for final selection so that teenagers can decide whether they are interested and also so that IVS can evaluate which workcamp is most suitable for them. Equal numbers of male and female teenagers are selected for a summer programme, with not more than three people from any one locality. Escorts are selected for their experience in working with teenagers and must be at least 21 years old. They are expected to take part in orientation and preliminary weekends together with other volunteers, as well as in the follow-up programme.

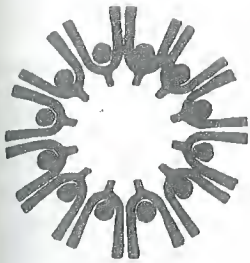
After the workcamps, many teenage interests can be catered for through a follow-up programme of further weekend projects and short workcamps ; but also teenagers have organised their own social clubs and exchange visits with teenagers from other countries.

Evaluation after the summer programme by all participants is a proven essential part of improving and developing the teenage programme.

For further details of the teenage workcamp programme, contact: International Voluntary Service London Region, 4 Sanford Walk, Sanford Street, SE14.

Andrew Watson





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MAY 4th & 5th 1979

The Book Place is organising a Peckham Book Fair, to be held on Friday and Saturday 4th & 5th May, 10 am to 8 pm, at All Saints Hall, Blenheim Grove (off Rye Lane). Activities will include street theatre, steel bands, story telling, art and writing exhibitions and a puppet show. Displays will be around the themes of childrens' books, comics, welfare rights and housing, health, black books, local history, and fiction.

A number of local groups and individuals are helping to organise the event, but more help and further ideas are needed. Contact Amber Eyles, The Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street; tel: 701 1757.

SITUATIONS VACANT

SCVS is - at last - about to appoint the staff team for the new Housing Advice Resource Unit.

We need three workers with experience in the housing and/or welfare rights field to develop a back up service for neighbourhood advice centres, district housing offices and other local agencies providing advice or information on housing matters.

For further details and application forms 'phone the SCVS office 703 9730.

INQUIRY OUT : TOWN HALL IN ?

Peter Shore's refusal to hold a public enquiry on the proposed new Town Hall will be a set back to all those who felt that a thorough airing of the issues was needed.

At a public meeting on February 7th, a borough wide campaign to oppose the town hall scheme was launched. The attendance at the meeting reflected the diverse collection of people and groups who have been brought together around the issue - representatives came from community and residents groups, voluntary organisations, trades unions, and all shades of the political spectrum.

Though the Environment Minister's decision was not known at the time, a range of campaign options other than the inquiry were explored, including the possibility of a rates strike.

For current information about the campaign contact: Peter Bibby, 62 Oakhurst Grove, SE22; tel: 693 8752.

AMENDMENTS TO DIRECTORY:

The Boys Brigade Company 96th London, Metropolitan Tabernacle is no longer operational. (Page 49)

The Minister of the Metropolitan Tabernacle is Dr. P.M. Masters. (P.113)

The Minister of East Dulwich Baptist Church is now Rev. J. Bowen.

The Minister of Herne Hill Baptist Church is Rev. L. Wilkie.

PURPOSEFUL PLANNING:

Look at these questions:

- (i) Do I always think through the purpose of projects and tasks before starting them?
- (ii) Do I only apply for grants/donations to undertake a predetermined strategy or do I just invent projects to exploit what monies are available?
- (iii) Do I always think through the possible consequences of my actions?

My own answers would be No to (i), Sometimes to both parts of (ii), and No to (iii). I guess most of us are like this; we all plan our work to some extent, but are constantly frustrated in this by the difficulties of community work (too many commitments, too little money, and government policies which either change too frequently or not at all).

We are thinking about arranging an afternoon discussion to introduce a planning method which can be usefully applied to tasks and projects where there are many possible outcomes and where there is much uncertainty. The method is no magic spell but it could help us to improve the planning that we already do because it makes a clear distinction between activities and decisions, the logical relationships between the two and some of the consequences of decisions where there are several choices of action.

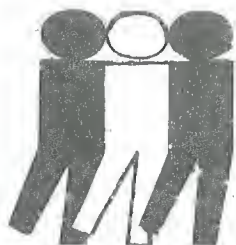
If you're interested, please contact Sharon at SCVS.

Martin Pickstone
Peckham Settlement

RACIAL HARMONY POSTER COMPETITION:

Designed to stimulate constructive thought about race amongst young people. It seeks to emphasise the positive aspects of our multi racial society by inviting young people to create posters on the theme of 'racial harmony'. The posters should illustrate any aspect of Britain's multi racial way of life.

Who can enter? No age limits but entrants must be school children or students (full or part time). 5 age categories: 8 and under, 9-11, 12-15, 16-19 and 20 and over.



How to enter: Reverse of poster should show entrants name, age, home address, name and address of school/college/youth group. The poster can be any size or shape and only one poster per entrant is allowed.

Prizes: £500, £250 and £125 to three entrants and prizes to the value of £150, £100 and £50 in each category. Total value of prizes will be £4,000. Prize winners will be contacted by the end of March, 1979.

Entries to: Racial Harmony Poster Competition, c/o Commission for Racial Equality, Elliot House, 10/12, Allington Street, SW1 E5EH. Entries must be received by 9th March, 1979.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The Housing Committee's February meeting considered a report on residential qualifications for housing, and decided:

- a) there should be an immediate reduction in the residence qualification to simply an address in the Borough. In addition no period of registration on the list should be required before an applicant can be considered for housing.
- b) That, in principle, people be allowed to register on the list either as residents or workers in the Borough. This to be deferred until a London Agreement or national legislation is forthcoming.
- c) Points for time in housing need to be added at a rate of 10% for every year on the list.

CHARGES FOR MEALS SERVICE:

The Social Services Committee on 14th February found a way of cancelling previously decided increases for the meals service (lunch clubs, meals on wheels and day and training centres) due to come into operation on 1st April. This was achieved by utilizing the savings made in not paying social workers' salaries.

THREE BAGS FULL

SCVS has three large bags of jumble for anyone prepared to come and collect it from the office.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAYS:

For many years the Camberwell Branch of the Children's Country Holidays Fund has been arranging holidays for local schoolchildren who would otherwise have no chance of a holiday. This work has its office at Cambridge House. I have been the Honorary Secretary to the local Committee for some years now, but both the Chairman, Mrs Polman, and I have decided that the time has come for us to retire and find successors ... so we are looking for two people to whom we can pass on the work, though we should be happy to work with them for the first season.

The brunt of the work during the actual summer holidays falls on us, though the initial selection and home visiting is carried out by volunteers during the spring term. We currently also badly need one or two additional volunteers.

We send 150 children on holiday each summer, and our work involves arranging for the collection of parental contributions, selecting the children and matching them with the potential hostesses, and - at a later stage - organising the travelling and escort arrangements.

The work is very rewarding as we find that many children are invited to return the following year, or even years, and quite a number make lasting relationships with the host families. Memories of these holidays linger happily with many people into their later life.

Can we have some offers of help, please, particularly for the two jobs of Secretary and Chairman? We shall be only too pleased to give further details to any volunteers, and to initiate them in the work. Letters and phone calls to me please, at 24 Milsham Avenue, SW2 3AH; tel: 769 6340.

Kathleen M Jones

DIRECTORY REVISION:

SCVS is currently in the process of updating the 'Directory of Social Services Southwark'. Most local organisations will by now have received a letter from us asking for current information on activities, staff, etc : please return it quickly, if you haven't already done so! If you've received a letter, but think that your organisation should be mentioned in the directory, contact Deirdre Alsey at the SCVS office.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS:

A gardening association for all residents in the



old metropolitan Borough of Bermondsey is to be formed on Tuesday, 27th February at Rouel Estate Tenants Hall (over the Blue Anchor Library) Market Place, Southwark Park Road, SE16. It is expected that a programme will be arranged to include talks, films, outings to famous gardens, bulk buying, and gardening competitions. Allotments in South Bermondsey will be made available.

All those who like growing things are asked to give their support to get the Association off to a good start. For more information, contact: Time & Talents, 237 6411

NEW FACE AT SCVS

Deirdre Alsey has recently joined SCVS as our administrator. Many of our members will already know Deirdre, who previously worked at Blackfriars Settlement.

TODAY WALWORTH; TOMORROW

The Walworth Project has received the agreement of Southwark Council to extend its boundaries. The area of operation now covers: the Newington Ward (which was the original area) with an extension along John Ruskin Street to Camberwell Road (taking in a small part of Faraday Ward); and on the other side of the Walworth Road - Browning Ward - which extends south to East Street and then back along the Old and New Kent Road to the Elephant & Castle.

These new boundaries will affect the community and youth work services, and the typing and duplicating. It will not affect the advice centre, which has never operated a catchment area; however, the advice workers may do specific work - such as advice sessions, support to local groups - in the new area.

If there are any queries and if anyone would like more information please contact us at the Walworth Project, c/o Portakabin Offices, St Albans Hall, Penton Place, SE17. Tel: 701 1038/9.

VOLUNTARY WORK IN EDUCATION WELFARE

The following description is written by a Southwark School Care Worker:-

with the adult world and the opportunities both academic and vocational that education offers them.

A School Care Worker is a volunteer attached to the ILEA Welfare Service and is a member of a team of professional education social workers. He/she helps the team to ensure that every child in the Borough obtains the maximum benefit from his education. Under the supervision of an Education Welfare Officer, the School Care Worker acts as a link between the home, the school and other specialist and related agencies in the community.

What does school care work entail?

School care work is varied and interesting. In close co-operation with head teachers and the Education Welfare Team, the School Care Worker helps to ensure that necessitous children are provided with free school dinners, clothing and school journey expenses. He/she undertakes home visiting when children have physical, mental or emotional difficulties in school, or when there is unexplained non-attendance.

The School Care Worker assists immigrant and disadvantaged families to understand our educational system and to share in their childrens learning experiences; in turn, he or she may give teachers valued insights into the social circumstances of their pupils.

In Secondary Schools, School Care Workers provide supportive help to young people in coming to terms

Why Are Volunteers Necessary?

For seventy years Education Welfare was almost wholly staffed by voluntary workers. The Service became professionalised only within the last decade. In current times of financial hardship, inner-city problems mount up while welfare resources are strained to the limit. Warning symptoms are often present long before trouble erupts. Professional staff increasingly find that delinquency and truancy absorb their time. Volunteers can give far more time than professional staff to help individual families.

The School Care Worker is often in a vital position to undertake quick preventive action before family situations become critical. Often all that is needed is a sincere sympathetic listener who can give comfort and practical advice.

Can you help?

School Care Work can provide caring men and women with the opportunity to make a vital contribution to the community.

If you wish to explore the possibility of becoming a School Care Worker, you should telephone Miss Fosdike on 703 0855 or write to her at the Education Welfare Office, 2, Camden Square, SE15



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S.C.V.S. HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

We have just appointed a very good team of three people who are itching to set up our new Housing Advice Resource Unit. Their names will already be familiar to many of you:

David Brown - currently Accommodation Officer at South Bank Polytechnic;

Christine Holloway - ex Assistant Director at Consortium.

Bartle Sawbridge - currently a housing worker at Deptford Housing Aid which he set up seven years ago.

All three of them should be in post by the middle of May. The team will develop a back up service (casework advice/information on legislation & housing policies/training/links with professional advisers, etc) for neighbourhood advice centres, district housing offices and other local agencies providing advice or information on housing matters.



In the new edition of our Directory of Social Services in Southwark, we would like to include a section on 'Community Resources'. If anyone has any equipment which they would be prepared to lend to local groups, e.g. duplicators, photocopiers, video, vans, etc. could they please let us know. 703 9730

SITUATIONS VACANT

HELP : Southwark Youth Office is looking for people to be part-time youth workers in various youth clubs around the borough.

Anyone interested should contact Mike Pearce or Dave Evans at 701 8559 to ask for details.

COUNCIL GRANTS

Three more Southwark Council Committees have recently been given the authority to make grants to voluntary organisations.

Although the Highways & Works, Planning & Development and Housing Committees have in fact been grant aiding local organisations for some time, their power to do so only received official Council sanction in February this year.

Adding these three Committees to the existing list (Social Services, Libraries & Amenities, and Finance & General Purposes), is an interim measure, pending a complete review of the Council's grant-making being undertaken.

Voluntary organisations will have another chance of contributing to this overall review when the SCVS/LBS 'Wolfenden' conference is reconvened later this year. Planning for this event is still being undertaken by a group of SCVS members and Council officers, and preliminary background papers are expected to be circulated shortly.

In the meantime, if any voluntary organisations want more detailed up-to-date information, or would like one of the planning group to come and discuss the issues with them, please contact Sharon Collins or Joe Szwarc, at the SCVS office.



FUN IN THE SUN

Southwark Entertainments is presenting a Summer Festival to include a Gala Day on Peckham Rye Common on Saturday, 2nd June and a Gala Weekend at Belair, Dulwich, on 16th and 17th June.

There will be a full programme of arena events at both sites, and local organisations are invited to mount sideshows and/or displays on the Saturday afternoon.

They can use these to raise money for their own charitable use and/or help to make a contribution to the Mayor's Charity Fund.

The limits on what you can do are:

- * no jumble sales or white elephants;
- * no display or distribution of political propaganda;
- * no prizes of alcohol to people under 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

Sites cost £1 per organisation per Gala and you can get application forms from London Borough of Southwark, Entertainments Section, Municipal Offices, 28, Peckham Road, SE5 8PY

APPLY NOT LATER THAN 21ST APRIL

AYLESBURY FESTIVAL

On Sunday, 6th May, a Festival will take place on the Aylesbury Estate, run largely by the tenants. Activities will include fancy dress, discos, barbeque, etc.

Community groups and organisations wanting to put on a stall at the Festival should contact the Festival Committee on 701 9010

Any offers of help would be much appreciated.

NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY PLANNING CENTRE : GRANT WITHDRAWN

Most organisations will by now have heard of Southwark Council's decision to cut off the Urban Aid grant for the North Southwark Community Development Group's Community Planning Centre. The final decision comes after months of debate, temporary extensions, and political wrangling, and constitutes a serious cut-back in the community work resources available to groups in the borough.

The NSCDG is now approaching charitable trusts for help with funding to keep the Centre open after March. It is too early to say whether these approaches will succeed, but in the meantime the Planning Centre will continue to operate, although its opening hours may have to be restricted.

Many SCVS members have asked in what way they can show their support for the Group and the work of the Centre. We will of course let you know as soon as it becomes clear what action might be helpful.

REACH

An organisation which can help to solve some of the management and administrative problems encountered by voluntary organisations by putting them in touch with appropriately skilled retired people, has recently been set up and is now offering its services.

Retired Executives Action Clearing House, (REACH), brings retired professionals from business and industry to work for expenses only for voluntary organisations or community groups which need but are unable to pay for their skills. This link up is done free of charge for both parties.

REACH responds to approaches for skilled help from voluntary organisations. It does not initiate projects on its own, although it can help to define problems and develop proposals in assessing the resources that are required.

The thinking behind the project is that community groups have needs that business men can help to meet - budgeting, management, marketing, public relations are examples of specialist skills that are in great demand. Executives with experience in finance, O&M, personnel and training may be able to give valuable assistance to an organisation which needs business and professional skills, but cannot pay for them.

Organisations applying to REACH are asked to describe their project and the work involved, as well as the skills that are being sought. They are also asked to meet the expenses of the individual concerned, so that s/he is not out of pocket as a result of having volunteered.

Anyone who would like to discuss how to make use of this new resource should contact Nick Crace, Director, REACH, Victoria House, Southampton Row, London WC1B 4DH; tel: 404 0940.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A number of the matters discussed at the March meeting of the LBS Social Services Committee are of particular interest for voluntary organisations:

Holidays for the Disabled

The Committee reviewed Council arrangements for providing holidays for handicapped Southwark people. It decided:

- *to increase the payment to volunteer escorts from £14 to £19 a fortnight, and
- *to reimburse them up to £10 per fortnight for incidental expenditure ensuring the comfort and well being of guests.

Letting of Social Services Premises

The Committee endorsed proposals for a pilot scheme of letting social services premises to the public. The premises involved are the Aylesbury Day Centre, the Yalding Day Centre and the Day Centre at 283, Tooley Street.

The Scheme will start "at the earliest opportunity" and be reviewed after 6 months.

£10,000 for International Year of the Child

To mark International Year of the Child voluntary organisations and council departments working with kids are invited to put forward projects involving children. Applications will be considered by the Childrens Policy Group and recommended to the Social Services Committee, which will allocate £10,000 to the project.



The Committee did not specify what size grants would be given, so this may vary, and the brief for the kinds of projects and proposals that might attract funding has been left very wide, so that the Policy Group is free to give full consideration to all the ideas that are put forward. It seems likely, though, that grants will be given only for non-recurrent expenditure, since no provision has been made for continuing the fund after the current year. Applications should be made in writing to the Director of Social Services at Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1.

INFORMATION & ADVICE REVIEW

The Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services has started a major review of information and advice provision in Southwark.

The review will look at the need and demand for such services, how they are being met by statutory and voluntary agencies, and will make proposals for future development.

- *How can present provision be improved?
- *Do we need more/less agencies?
- *What of their location, opening hours, range of service? etc.

We will be writing to many organisations throughout the Borough for their experience and views on these issues. If you have relevant things you would like the review to consider please contact Jo Szwarc at SCVS.

SOUTHWARK CLUB FOR THE DISABLED

A NEW CLUB FOR THE DISABLED has recently opened at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham, Boyson Road, SE17. It caters for the disabled over the age of 18 and offers a wide range of indoor sports including card games, darts, snooker, table-tennis. Anyone who would be willing to help at the club or who could donate indoor games which are in good condition should contact the Secretary: Miss May Marshall, Southwark Club for the Disabled, 1, Rosenthorpe Road London, SE15 639 8029 (home) 639 2942 (work).

The Club is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 7.30 & 9.30 pm

SOUTHWARK CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEW TOWN HALL

Southwark Campaign is launching a borough wide poll as the next major step in its opposition to the building of the proposed new town hall.

The poll will be launched in Dockyard Ward on Sunday, 1st April. It aims to canvass all the electors in the same way as a normal election canvass.

The Peckham Labour Party Branch in Liddle Ward (site of the new town hall) has initiated a similar poll.

If you want to help the canvass, contact Alec Baker, 60 Nutfield Road, SE22, phone 693 7167

HOMES OR OFFICES

One of the largest and most important Public Inquiries ever held will take place at the Colombo Street Sports & Community Association premises in SE1. The Public Inquiry will start with a half-day meeting in early April (the exact date is to be confirmed by the Action Group), and will continue from 22nd May, with daily meetings, and last about eight weeks.

The results of the Inquiry will determine which plan goes ahead:

Either: Europe's tallest skyscraper hotel and well over 1½ million sq.ft. of offices (equal to 9 'Centre Points')

Or: a new Riverside Park with new Family Houses with gardens and private play space, and specially designed flats for older people.

The property developers proposals fly in the face of the Waterloo District Plan, which is the first statutory local plan for the country, alone, introduced under the 1972 Town & Country Planning Act, and is therefore a test of the whole British planning system and public involvement in planning.

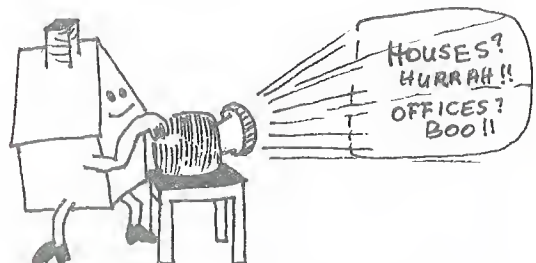
There will be a demonstration/carnival held by the supporters of the homes and park scheme, on 22nd May. Details will be circulated later by Waterloo Action Centre, 14, Baylis Road, SE1. 261 1404. Please give your support.

The Coin Street Campaign and Blackfriars Photography Project have produced a tape slide show, which presents the arguments for family housing, not offices, on the nine South Bank sites.

It has been made so that as many people as possible can be informed about the issues involved in a clearly presented way.

The show lasts for 25 minutes and runs automatically. It can be booked, with equipment, from Waterloo Action Centre, 261 1404. Speakers are willing to come along with the show to answer questions about the Coin Street campaign.

Making and showing a tape slide show can be a very useful tool in a wide range of community/social/educational campaigns and projects. If you are interested in the wider applications, the Coin Street show is well worth seeing from that perspective



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URBAN AID DISAPPOINTMENT

The present round of Urban Aid has proven a disappointingly meagre one for voluntary organisations in Southwark.

Out of 18 applications only 3 were successful:

- (1) The Bookplace
- (2) Bethwin Road Playground
- (3) East Dulwich Estate Community Centre

By contrast 3 of the 4 Council applications succeeded. One of particular interest is for a Community Park in Munton Road SE17, which will be run by local residents in conjunction with the Development Department.

In our next Newsletter we will have an in-depth look at the Urban Aid results, the successes and failures, and the national context.

SKILLS TAKE AWAY:

200 people from all over the country will be attending the Skills Take-Away being organised by Fair Play and the Leisure Centre, at Clubland in the Walworth Road on May 11th, 12th & 13th.

The weekend is aimed at people involved in children's creative activity and play in any setting, and will help participants formulate ideas for the International Year of the Child programme with children, and to look at international aspects of play.

Skills on offer include music-making, masks, musical instruments from scrap, puppetry, games from around the world, printing, clown skills, and programme planning and funding.

For further details and application forms, contact Janet Dalglish at the Leisure Centre, 32 Camberwell Road, SE5; tel: 701 2611.

(More Training Opportunities inside)

NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

Last month we reported that following Southwark Council's decision to axe its grant, the North Southwark Community Development Group was seeking new funds to keep open its Community Planning Centre in Great Guildford Street. The news this month is encouraging: several individuals and trades union branches have made generous donations, and one large Foundation has made a grant which will enable the Group to pay the rent and administrative costs of the office for at least another year.

The Centre is being kept open on a part-time basis by volunteers, but MORE ARE NEEDED. Anyone interested in helping should contact NSCDG on 928 8165.

The NSCDG's full-time workers, Bob Colenut and George Nicholson, who were made redundant when Southwark Council cut off the grant, are now on the dole, but are continuing to work in a voluntary capacity. The Group is of course still making efforts to raise enough money to re-employ them.

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

SCVS's Employment Development Project is to continue for another year. The Manpower Service Commission has agreed to provide a grant not only to enable us to retain the Employment Development Officer post, but also to supplement it with two further trainee posts.

The next Newsletter will carry details of the new Unit's programme over the next few months, as well as news about other initiatives in the voluntary sector and local employment matters generally.

If you've got an employment project in mind or getting underway let us know - we can tell others who might be interested, and perhaps put you in touch with useful contacts.

REPORT CRITICISES SOUTHWARK

Southwark Council comes in for harsh criticism in a report just published on 'official vandalism'. *

The Report says that local councils are demolishing or gutting houses they have compulsorily purchased years before redevelopment of the area can go ahead.

The Braganza Street area in Newington and Moncrieff Street in Peckham are two prime examples of the waste of good houses and break up of communities which result.

One Moncrieff Street resident describes her reaction to the sight of Council workers gutting a house: "The first house they rucked out, I can't tell you what I felt - I felt sick, sick, sick to my stomach".

The Report calls for legislation to curb the destructive practices its investigation of Southwark and other local authorities highlights.

But, it concludes: "Inevitably, legislation is a blunt weapon and cannot enforce the sensible use of empty property. Meanwhile, it is obvious that some local authorities can only be made to see reason by active local opposition, provoked into action by horror at the waste of resources and destruction of living communities.

*BUY UP, BRICK UP AND DEMOLISH - A Shelter Report on Prior Demolition" 35p + 15 p. & p. from Shelter Publications, 157, Waterloo Road, SE1 8UU

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

There are some interesting new titles from the Peckham Publishing Project, a Bookplace enterprise:

MILK RIVER - an anthology of memories, stories and recipes from the West Indies; written & edited by literacy students. (45p.)

MURIEL'S BOOK - a story of a Jamaican childhood by a Blackfriars Literacy Scheme student. (30p.)

THE BOOKPLACE SERIES - 6 short stories for adults beginning to read, illustrated with photographs. (£1)

All are available from the Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street, SE15. tel:701 1757

CARNIVAL OF EDUCATION

"Education is for whole communities and contribution is made to education by all ages in a rich variety of ways"

That is the message of a Carnival of Education to be held in North Southwark later this month.

The Carnival will feature a display of educational undertakings from a wide range of organisations and individuals.

It also provides an opportunity for people to discuss the idea of community education - what is it? How well is it happening? What else should be done?

A hopeful by product of the Carnival will be a Community Education Council for North Southwark.

The Carnival promises to be fun as well as challenging. It will take place on 19th and 20th May at two adjacent centres - Christ Church, John Marshall Hall and Colombo Street Community Centre at the northern end of Blackfriars Road, SE1.

For more details contact Canon Peter Challen, on 928 4707.

HOUSING LEAFLETS

Southwark's Housing Department has just issued four more leaflets in a series which explain its policies and give general information on the housing situation in the borough. (see Newsletter February, 1979).

These are:

- No. 1. "How to Get a Council House"
- No. 2. "What Size of Council House"
- No. 7. "Council Homes and Race Relations".
- No. 9. "Housing for Single People"

The series is informative and written in a straightforward way.

If your organisation would like copies to distribute contact Mike Crook of the Housing Department Research & Development Group on 639 4353.

CAN WOMEN MINISTER?

A Conference on Women's Ministry will be held at Southwark Cathedral on 17th May from 6.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

The aim of the Conference is to encourage a greater participation of women in the life and work of the Church.

It takes as its starting point the fact that women minister now, despite the unresolved debate on whether they should be ordained.

CAMBERWELL DOMESDAY SURVEY

The Camberwell Society has undertaken a foot by foot Domesday Survey of the Society's territory.

The exercise aims to identify the many aspects of the neighbourhood that can make it an unpleasant place to live - e.g. empty houses and land, wasted space, traffic hazards - as well as opportunities for improvement.

It aims to have the completed survey ready for presentation to the Society's members by autumn.

The study has substantial political and public potential, and should provide an interesting precedent for other organisations interested in improving their neighbourhood environment.

For more details contact the Society Secretary, Jill Westwood, 40, Camberwell Grove, London, SE5.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Council of Social Service has organised a couple of courses which may be of interest:

1. Strategies for working between organisations

The aim of this course is to examine the practical problems that workers face when tackling issues which require diverse organisations to work together.

Dates: 7th & 8th June, 1979. Closing date for applications: 25th May.

2. Leadership An Examination of Styles

This course has a practical emphasis, aiming to give participants an opportunity to examine their own style of leadership and to try alternative styles.

Dates: 19th and 20th June, 1979.

Course fee: £16. plus VAT. Applications to: Patricia Hall, NCSS Training Dept. 26, Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU. Tel: 636 4066.

A day workshop will be held by the National Institute of Social Work on:

Community Work and Trade Union Alliance - everything you want to know

Date: 20th June, 1979 at NISW, Mary Ward House, 5/7 Tavistock Place, WC1. Tel: 387 9681.

Details: s.a.e. to: Chris Warren, 145, Queens Park Road, Brighton, Sussex.

Morley College has organised a course on The Family and the Community in its summer programme, beginning 30th April. It will be held on Wednesdays, 10-12. Tutor: Barry Knight. The needs of most families are no longer met by either traditional means or by the Welfare State. However, exciting self-help projects are emerging and this four week course will examine how some of the schemes involving families arose and how effective they are.

Further details from Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HT

NACRO is organising a one day work shop for project leaders and those involved in project management, called:

Using Local Resource Networks

The Workshop will take the form of a seminar and concentrate on good practice in setting up and maintaining a project - from identifying the need to being productively established in the neighbourhood.

Date: 14th June - 10.00 - 4.00 at NACRO, 169, Clapham Road, SW9. 735 1151 Cost £2.00

SITUATIONS VACANT

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ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED BY SCVS for a period of 6 months (June to December) while the current postholder is on maternity leave.

The job involves a variety of interesting administrative/secretarial tasks, providing support in the SCVS office and for two new projects in the fields of housing and employment. The Administrator will also have responsibility for finding new premises for the organisation and organising the move.

The salary will be on scale AP2.

NAVH JOB CENTRE

The National Association of Voluntary Hostels has just started running a job centre for people looking for employment in a voluntary hostel or other voluntary organisations concerned in some way with homelessness. At present, it is simply a telephone service, a clearing house for employers and employees, but NAVH is hoping to attract funds to extend the service.

If your organisation would like to fill a vacancy please telephone or write to the National Association of Voluntary Hostels, 33, Long Acre, London, WC2E 9LA. Tel. 836 2992
(N.C.S.S. Newsletter April, 1979)

CONSORTIUM - a group of voluntary social work agencies in S.E. London is looking for a practical person as:

CO-ORDINATORY/ADMINISTRATOR

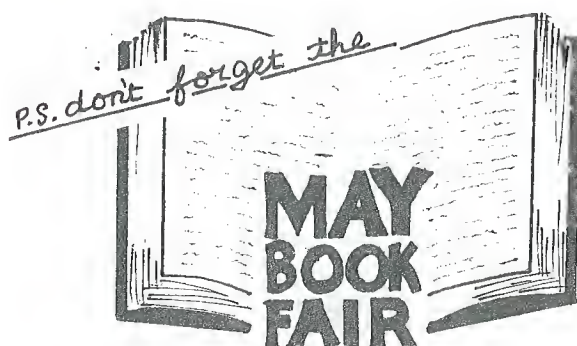
for a Special Temporary Employment Programme funded by the Manpower Services Commission.

This person will be responsible for the day to day operation of the Scheme as well as the financial administration. The Scheme will provide extra staff doing a variety of jobs in Consortium member agencies.

The post is for 1 year. Applicants must be currently unemployed.

Salary £75+ per week (£3,936).

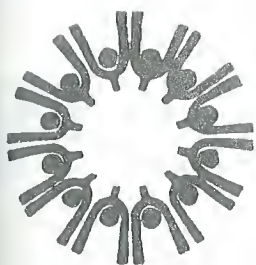
For more information telephone Consortium Office - Ken or Bob at 701 2209/2002.



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HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit has been set up to offer a back-up service on housing - information, training, and casework advice. The new workers - Dave Brown, Christine Holloway and Bartle Sawbridge - are busy getting the Unit ready to start.

So far they have been collecting information and teaching themselves about housing policies and problems in the borough.

During June they will be talking to people who give advice to the public about the sort of back-up they will want from the Unit. Then they'll decide what's most urgent, where to begin, and will set a date for the Unit to open officially.

If you'd like to talk to them about what you want to get from the Unit, do get in touch. Until SCVS finds new offices the three Unit workers will be at the Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Road SE16. Does anyone have any old desks, filing cabinets, etc. that they could let us have/buy? TEL: 231-2471

VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Amy Wallis, our Voluntary Workers Bureau Organiser, is now spending four days a week on Bureau work rather than two, which means that we hope to offer a more efficient service to member organisations and to volunteers. We feel that our present location prevents us from attracting as many potential volunteers as we would like but if we are successful in our plans to move to Rye Lane, Peckham, that problem should be solved.

Please keep Amy up to date with your organisation's needs and if a volunteer

approaches you direct whose skills you cannot use, please refer them to us, as we have many more jobs than volunteers. When we move premises we hope to have the Bureau open for the public to call in any time, but until then, owing to lack of space, we will have to keep to the appointment system. Amy can be contacted between 9.30 and 5.30 on Monday to Thursday on 701 3816.

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

Pete McDonagh has been appointed as Supervisor in the Employment Development Unit which will continue and develop the work of last year's pilot project. The Unit will be funded for one year under the MSC's STEP scheme.

SCVS is still seeking two people for the trainee employment worker posts (see 'Situations Vacant' on page 3) to start as soon as possible so that the next year's programme can be decided.

The aim is to consolidate the work so far, and to develop into new areas where there is a need for voluntary organisation involvement. Depending on the interests and skills of the two additional workers when appointed, it is hoped to run a regular and expanded employment news and information service, for which there have so far not been enough resources; to provide more comprehensive help and support to voluntary organisations; to prepare reports and papers; and to arrange meetings on employment issues.

After an initial period it is also hoped to concentrate on issues in a few specific fields such as women's employment, low pay, Docklands development, co-operatives, links with industry, blacks and employment, youth unemployment, etc.

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WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT

Women face massive discrimination in many aspects of social life in this country. Very often it is subconscious or indirect - but none the less real for that. Indeed, such attitudes are the hardest to change.

In the field of employment this indirect discrimination can take the form of inflexible working hours, unequal access to state benefits, few opportunities for part-time employment, and little provision of leave of absence for family reasons. A particularly severe barrier for many women hoping to work is inadequate child-care facilities.

In Southwark there were about 1500 women registered unemployed in April this year. That figure is officially recognised to be a serious under-estimation: the Government does not normally publish the rate of female unemployment because it is difficult to measure the size of the "economically active" female population. More women would undoubtedly register and take jobs if they were not forced to look after their children. Even more would register if they were entitled to unemployment benefit, which now they are often denied.

A report published last September by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) entitled "I want to work...but what about the kids?" (available free from the EOC in Manchester) found that more than a third of women with dependent children would like to work, but cannot because they effectively suffer severe discrimination due to inadequate child-care facilities. This figure was roughly confirmed by a Gallup poll commissioned by "Woman's Own" magazine (results published in the issue of 17th February this year).

The "Woman's Own" survey suggests that nearly half of women with dependent children do either full or part-time work, a figure which is of the same order as those who would like to work but cannot. Those who do manage to find work are part of the 40% of Britain's workforce which is female. If the expansion of child-care facilities could release those women who would like to work, and one includes those women without dependent children who for one reason or another don't now bother to register themselves as unemployed, then there is a potentially large increase in the female labour force which could significantly increase that 40%.

What about those women 'lucky' enough to find work? A closer look at those with children to look after reveals the great

News on training

(1) There was welcome news from Southwark Council recently when it was announced that the number of school leavers on its special training programme is to be doubled.

Aimed at unemployed school leavers who need have no formal qualifications the scheme offers on-the-job skills training in plant engineering, catering and care-taking.

The young people will be paid and will also have the chance of further education on the 2-year programme, which was

expanded by the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

(2) Training opportunities are generally acknowledged to be inadequate - the borough has no Skillcentre, for example, although a new one is soon to be built in neighbouring Deptford.

This is especially true of manufacturing and manual trades, due in part to the severe decline in such industry in recent years and partly to the proliferation in Southwark of small firms, which normally offer few if any training places.

So an additional piece of good news is that the Council will be recruiting 25 young apprentices in September, some of them in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

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pressures on them to take low-paid work, often with unsocial hours, the jobs which nobody else wants, or which fit in with looking after children viz. working when the kids are asleep, or when the man in the family, if there is one, has finished work.

The Woman's Own poll found that over $\frac{1}{3}$ of working mothers of under-5s work evenings or nights. And almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of working mothers do semi- or un-skilled manual work compared with $\frac{1}{3}$ of women workers generally, and only one-fifth of men. Their average earnings were around 90p/hour, compared with £1.48 for women generally, and £2.49 for male workers.

These same pressures prevent increases in child-care facilities which the EOC report refers to as "the complete inadequacy of current provision for both the under-5s and dependent school-age children." At the moment the local authority target figure for day-care places is only 8 per 1000 under-5s; in 1976 such full-time provision was available for only 0.7% of the total 0-5 age group. Amazingly, 7 of the 97 local education authorities had not, by April this year, taken up one penny of their financial allocation under the then £5.9million nursery education building programme for '79-80.

What are these pressures, forcing women to take poorly-paid jobs, and stopping the expansion of child-care facilities? If one looks at the implications of the potential increase in the number of working women mentioned earlier, it is easy to see the reasons why. In the absence of further measures to create real jobs, there would be many more people unemployed. In Southwark the figures could easily top the 10,000 mark in total.

These figures point to a terrible waste of potential labour - the social and economic costs are enormous. At a time when the productive output of the British economy is much too low, ways must be found to develop this potential and allow women to have genuine equality of opportunity. In Southwark the Child-Care Campaign, sponsored by Southwark Trades Council, is working for the expansion of local provision.

In the meantime, because society at present cannot harness all its potential labour and give everyone the right to contribute to socially useful production in practice, women are forced to take their place at the end of the queue for jobs. As the above analysis shows, many of them are not even allowed to join that queue. This extensive discrimination, although indirect, means that we are very far short of real equal job opportunity for women.

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SCVS EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT UNIT

We are looking for:

2 EMPLOYMENT WORKERS

to join our employment project. They will help to continue and expand the work of a one year pilot project which assisted voluntary organisations in measures to combat the severe unemployment problems in Southwark.

They will work with the Supervisor to provide information, reports and a back-up service to organisations and local groups on employment matters.

There will be opportunities for training and for following appropriate special employment interests, such as women's employment, low pay, co-operatives, work with trade unions, the problems of blacks, etc. The funding is under the Manpower Services Commission's STEP programme, which means:

Applicants must be at least 19 years old and have been unemployed for six months. If aged over 25, they must have been out of work for one year. The jobs are for one year only. Hours: 36 hours per week, including some evening work. Salary: £3,363 p.a. If you are interested please contact Pete McDonagh at SCVS as soon as possible. Telephone 703 9730 or 701 3816.

COUNCIL TOP JOBS

Southwark Council held its Annual Meeting on May 16th. Key people on the main committees affecting voluntary organisations are:

GENERAL PURPOSES & FINANCE:

Chair: Pat McSorley
Vice: John Lauder

HOUSING:

Chair: Charlie Sawyer
Vice: Evelyn Ackroyd

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POLICY & RESOURCES

Chair: John O'Grady
Vice: Ann Ward

SOCIAL SERVICES

Chair: Charles Coveney
Vice: Fred Francis

URBAN AID

Last month we wrote that Southwark's voluntary organisations had done very badly in the last round of Urban Aid.

We've not yet got enough information to analyse how and why things turned out as they did, though other London boroughs also report similar disappointments.

The overall national picture has some interesting aspects according to a preliminary analysis done by the CVS unit of the National Council for Social Service.

It reports that "Voluntary organisations have done better in relative terms than the previous year". Also, while more local authorities have benefited than the previous year the average amount of grant per local authority is less than half what it was.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

"Vortex" is a six-monthly booklet which lists training courses run by voluntary organisations. If you want free publicity for a course you are running between October '79 and April '80 send details by August 17th to VORTEX, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU, tel. Great Brickhill 275 (yes, really !). If you want to choose a course yourself the latest edition of VORTEX covers April '79 - January '80. SCVS has a copy or you can get one free from the above address.

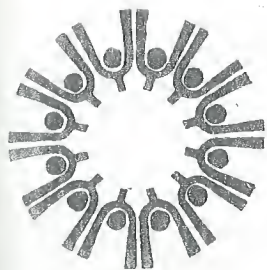
The London Community Video Workers Collective has produced a "Directory of Videotapes", which provides an excellent guide to audio-visual material relevant to youth workers, community activists, and people involved in fighting specific issues....the range and variety is amazing. The Directory costs 25p for individuals and community groups, £2 for rich institutions, from WACAT, Shop 8, Taplow, East St., Aylesbury Estate, SE17.

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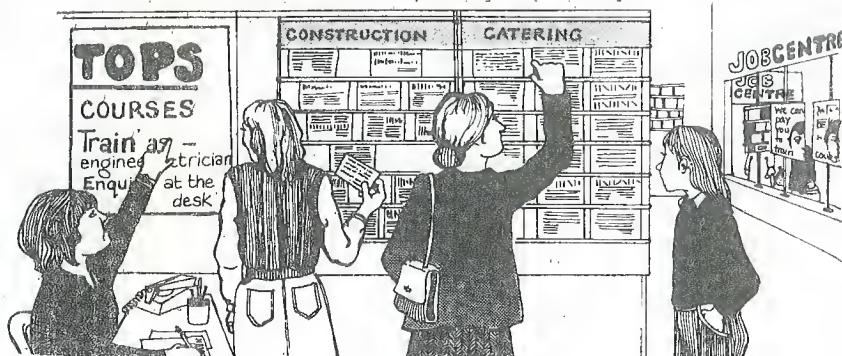
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NEWSLETTER

WOMEN AT WORK



DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ENOUGH JOBS FOR
WOMEN IN THIS AREA?

ARE THERE ENOUGH TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES?

A group of local women have suggested
that a workshop to look at the
opportunities for women in employment
and training would be useful. This
group would:

- 1) look at the openings and options in
employment which women feel are closed
to them;
- 2) approach employers to get a realistic
impression of their attitudes;
- 3) share experiences with women in
manual trades;
- 4) look at attitudes of Training Centres

and Job Centres;

- 5) examine the TOPS and pre-TOPS options;
- 6) work on realistic self-assessment in
terms of work and training possibilities.

The workshop would examine work and
training opportunities in this area.

They are suggesting meeting for one
afternoon or morning a week, with a
creche for young children. Future
ideas include a full-time course on the
issue.

The group held its first meeting on
June 21st.

For more information, contact Iris,
Stephanie or Maggie at Pitt Street
Settlement (703 4775) or Tanya or Nikki at
The Bookplace (701 1757).

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Voluntary organisations receiving grant-
aid from Southwark Council will be inter-
ested to know the names of the Councillors
who have been appointed to the Social
Services Grants Sub-Committee. The members
are Cllrs Francis (Chairman), Alden, Mrs
Cooper, Davis and Mrs Newell. Deputies for
the year will be Cllrs Coveney (Vice-chair-
man), Gordon, Mrs Boxall, Miss Somerville
and Mrs Brown.

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Housing Interest Group

SCVS's Housing Interest Group has now been meeting regularly for three years. It provides a forum for groups and individuals interested in housing in Southwark to discuss, criticise, or make suggestions concerning the borough's housing policies.

Representatives of agencies giving housing advice, housing associations, tenants' associations, amenity societies and individuals have come along to HIG in the last three years. The Council's Housing Department sends a liaison officer to meetings.

As a result of HIG's comments last year on a DoE circular about bringing empty houses back into use, HIG was invited to send representatives to discuss the problem with members of Southwark's Housing Committee.

HIG's suggestions for empty houses in Southwark (of which there are now some 3300, the majority in Council ownership) are:

- 1) a special allocation scheme for 'hard-to-let' property empty for more than a year, allowing a variety of types of people with housing need immediate access to such flats;
- 2) the appointment by the Council of an Empty Properties Officer to concentrate

attention and co-ordinate action on the problem;

- 3) heavy rating of empty houses that are privately owned (even above the present 100% after three months);
- 4) the use by the Council of compulsory purchase orders where private landlords show no willingness to bring their houses back into housing use.

Other issues currently being taken up by Housing Interest Group are the apparent non-implementation of Southwark Council's 'extra-room' policy dating back to 1977 (which should allow applicants for housing an extra room over the minimum size if they wish), and the likely effects on Southwark of the Conservative Government's housing policies, announced in May by Michael Heseltine.

The Government's proposals include a statutory right for public-sector tenants to buy their houses at large discounts, cuts in expenditure affecting the housing programme, and the creation of a new type of private letting, 'shortholds', which will be outside the Rent Acts.

Details of meetings of Housing Interest Group can be obtained from Chris Holloway, Dave Brown or Bartle Sawbridge at HARU (01-231 2472).

W.E.A. : NEW BRANCH FOR SOUTHWARK

The Workers' Educational Association Camberwell/Peckham Branch is a recent initiative by local people wishing to start education courses not provided by Colleges or Adult Education Institutes.

The new branch is planning to start courses in Welfare Rights, Marxist Economics and Oral History.

The branch is planning to hold its first AGM at 7.30, July 10th at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5. All potential students and affiliated bodies will be welcome.



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Of the 10 summer holiday projects this year submitted by Southwark under the Urban Aid circular No 19, only two were approved by the Department of the Environment.

However the Libraries and Amenities Committee has agreed to fund the remaining eight projects from its own resources despite the fact that no contribution towards them will be forthcoming from central government.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

The COMMUNITY DRUG PROJECT has moved into its new premises at 7, New Church Road, SE5. Telephone: 703 0559

MSC SPECIAL PROGRAMMES - NEWS ON CUTS.

£56 million has been cut from the Special Programmes budget to help the long-term unemployed. The Youth Opportunities Programme for the under-19's will suffer by £26 million, a reduction of about 14 %. In effect, this will mean little difference to YOP in London.

The Special Temporary Employment Programme for those over 19 has been much more severely cut - its budget has been nearly halved. Southwark will not, however, be affected nearly as much as most other parts of the country, because it is one of the Docklands boroughs. In future, the STEP programme will be confined to partnership and other areas designated under the Inner Urban Areas Act.

Another implication of the cuts is that there will be greater control of recruitment on to STEP schemes.

These cuts will come as a severe blow to many voluntary organisations in Southwark, many of which have made great efforts to design and plan schemes intending to help the long-term unemployed. Those in the STEP target group comprise nearly a third of the registered unemployed aged over 19.

While the Special Programmes have their drawbacks, they do at least provide some money for those trying to offer practical help to the casualties of the economic recession and government employment policy.



Community Design

A community design service has now been established by the Design Resource Association. The service operates through a network of about 120 registered designers, and will provide help with graphic design, product and textile design, architectural, interior, exhibition and display design, and photographic design. The service has already undertaken some graphic work for community groups, product design in a training workshop for MSC, exhibition design and interior design for a community centre. The service is provided free of charge to recognised community groups and voluntary organisations (though groups may occasionally be asked to meet costs such as travelling expenses).

For further information, write, with stamped addressed envelope, to DRA Community Design Service, c/o Project Coordinator, Mr Tamas Brummer, 61 Loftus Road, London W12.



ON TRIAL

Distributing anti-National Front leaflets has led to the conviction of two members of Southwark Campaign against Racism and Fascism for contravening the Representation of the Peoples Act.

The two handed out the leaflets during the 1978 local council elections without their cost being defrayed against the election expenses of candidates.

They were each fined £25 plus £21 costs and SCARF welcomes donations to help pay this. Send contributions to SCARF at 136 Lordship Lane, SE22. Details of the case are carried in the latest SCARF Newsletter (available from the same address).

The Newsletter also has an analysis of the General Election results and what might be in store under the new Government.



ANY QUESTIONS?

Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice has produced a handy guide to information/advice services available to people in Southwark.

The guide, called Any Questions?, covers both general and specialist services (such as legal and housing).

It has a map showing the location of the major generalist centres in the borough.

The guide is available free from SCVS.



SCCR

Southwark Council for Community Relations is undertaking a membership drive amongst local organisations and individuals.

The drive has been launched by the newly-appointed Community Relations Officer, "Sid" Hercules. He was temporary CRO prior to his permanent appointment and has already made contact with a wide range of voluntary and statutory agencies.

If you want to become a member, contact SCCR at 137 Camberwell Road, SE5.

situations vacant

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT requires a LIAISON OFFICER
salary: maximum over £6,500

Southwark Social Services is establishing a new Departmental Liaison Section which is responsible for links with voluntary and statutory bodies. We are now recruiting the second in charge of that section, the Liaison Officer.

The post holder will have particular responsibility for voluntary bodies with which the Department has operational or financial links, though work with statutory bodies will also be involved.

The Social Services Department is committed to partnership with voluntary organisations and the post involves building effective relationships with voluntary and community groups, assisting organisations to meet community needs in collaboration with Social Services, and evaluation of financial proposals.

The post is a challenging one. Candidates must have a record of initiative and experience in voluntary or statutory community services. Financial expertise would be an advantage.

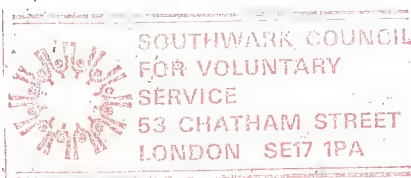
For an informal discussion please contact Eileen Stocker on 703 6363 ext 287.
Telephone 701 2870 anytime for an application form, or write on a postcard to The Personnel Officer, LBS, 27 Peckham Road, SE5, quoting ref: 13/9366 and job title. The closing date for applications is July 2nd.

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EMPLOYMENT REPORT

Regional aid cuts mean lost jobs

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The cuts of £230 million in regional aid to industry announced by Sir Keith Joseph on July 17th. will have serious implications for employment not just in directly affected regions, but throughout the country. They constitute more than a third of the regional development budget and will, over 7 years, reduce the areas covered by various forms of aid from 43% to 25% of the UK.

How many jobs will these cuts cost? Labour spokesman on Industry John Silkin claimed the regional policy created 300,000 jobs and the cuts will axe 100,000 of these. Sir Keith said that the loss of potential jobs would be 5-6,000, but that it would be offset to exactly the same extent by the extra jobs created over the same 3-year period by the extra £230 million in taxpayers' pockets.

Under 1972 legislation regional aid was granted to firms to encourage them to move into areas of persistently high unemployment. Three types of areas were set up :- Special Development Areas (SDA's), Development Areas (DA's) and Intermediate Areas (IA's). The cuts have been made by downgrading areas receiving aid and changing many IA's into non-assisted areas.

How will Southwark be affected by these cuts, which have been opposed by both the trade unions and the CBI ? As part of the prosperous South East, an inner city area like Southwark has not been rated worthy of regional aid. However, London has always exerted a strong pull on the single jobless from the regions. As these cuts bite in such areas as tyneside, Merseyside, South Lancashire and Yorkshire many young people will drift south, to swell the ranks of London's unemployed and homeless.

MSC Special Programmes cut

Further information is now available on how the Tory budget cuts will affect the Youth Opportunities Programme and the Special Temporary Employment Programme.

Although YOP has been cut by £25.2 million nationally - to £142.5 million to provide 200,000 places - London's planned budget of £7 million is to remain unchanged. The MSC hope to provide opportunities for 8,500 young people under 19 in 1979/80.

The bulk of places in London up till now have been on Work Experience on Employers' Premises (WEEP), but the future emphasis is to be shifted away from work experience to work preparation. WEEP places tend to be lacking in further education and training. More stress will be put on Project Based Work Experience (PBWE), Training Workshop and Community Service schemes,

especially practical types of schemes offering low-level manual skills.

STEP has had its national 1979/80 budget cut by £42.2 million to £42.4 million, to provide 12-14,000 places.

In London it is still unclear what this year's budget will be, but it is important to note that the MSC are already committed to spending nearly £3 million this year so there won't be much additional expenditure.

Southwark is a Docklands partnership authority so that STEP schemes will still be considered in the borough - but the implications of little extra money are that few more schemes will be approved during the year, and that the MSC will look more carefully at proposals. It is already clear that much tighter eligibility criteria are being applied to recruitment.

Newsflashes

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

July figures show that 1,460,000 people are now registered unemployed, halting the recent gradual downward trend. An ominous sign too is that the number of vacancies notified to Employment Offices has also fallen to 253,000 in the last month.

SOUTHWARK TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Policy and Resources Committee on 2nd. July agreed to make available £63,050 in the first year and £14,000 in subsequent years from the Industry Fund. It is hoped that the MSC will provide wages and some overheads under the Youth Opportunities Programme.

NCSS. Worksheet

The National Council of Social Service has set up a special unit to offer advice, service and support to voluntary organisations concerned with employment and economic issues.

Three levels of support are to be provided:-

- 1) General support and information
- 2) Specialist support and information
- 3) Support for Community-based Employment Initiatives.

The general service will be backed up by an Information Bank, and an Information Series called WORKSHEET comprising a monthly Information Bulletin and Specialist Information Papers.

Already available are the first 2 information bulletins for June and July, and 2 specialist papers: "Cuts in MSC Special Programmes" and "Community-Based Employment Initiatives. Members of the NCSS staff offering specialist support are listed in another specialist paper "Services and Resources available on Employment and Economic Issues".

For further information contact: Stephen Hopwood, or Nicholas Murray at NCSS, 26, Bedford Square WC1. Tel. 636 4066.

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JOBS AND COMMUNITY ACTION

Edited by Gary Craig, Marjorie Mayo and Nick Sharman/Community Work 5. Routledge and Kegan Paul in association with ACW £5.95 ISBN 07100 0241-6.

Against a background of steadily rising unemployment this book examines the implications of economic issues for community work. In four main sections it looks at the situation within private industry, the public sector, the economic role of the state and new developments in the field including the ideas developed at Lucas Aerospace and elsewhere concerning socially useful production.

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STOP PRESS - RIGHTS REDUCED

On 25th July the House of Commons passed a Government Order halving the period of notice which small businesses must give for redundancies from 60 to 30 days. Firms employing between 10 and 99 workers are legally obliged to give advance notice of redundancies to unions and to the Employment Secretary, James Prior, who claimed that the Employment Protection Act deters small businesses from taking on additional labour.

JOBMATE

The National Extension College in association with Capital Radio and funded by the MSC will launch this autumn 'Capital Jobmate'.

This project aims:

- 1) To support young people during unemployment by helping to boost their morale and confidence.
- 2) To improve their interview and job search skills.
- 3) To help them make more regular and constructive use of job finding and other agencies.
- 4) To encourage them to make more effective use of their time while unemployed.

The scheme will include radio broadcasts, job kits and 'The Jobmate Network'. This will provide a personal back-up to the programmes and kits for individuals in the London area.

Capital Jobmates will be recruited from all sections of the community. Training will be arranged and Jobmates will be encouraged to meet regularly. A Jobmate pack of national, London and local information will be issued and continually updated.

If you are interested contact:

John Newman, Capital Jobmate, NEC,
42 Store Street, London WC1
01 636-0458

Tustin drop-in centre



Workers at the Tustin Club in Ilderton Road are now running an expanded counselling and information project to help young people in Peckham.

Through group work sessions they aim to work with the young unemployed, truants aged over 14, and young persons at risk, including persistent trouble-makers and those referred for Intermediate Treatment.

The project has co-operation and approval from local statutory services, and strong support from teachers, youth club leaders, welfare officers and careers tutors.

A drop-in centre is open from 11 am to 1pm on Mondays and Wednesdays with a catchment area of 2 miles radius.

For more information contact Pauline North or Cavin Engel at the Tustin Club, Ilderton Road, SE 15. Telephone 732 9366



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Save Alcoholism Services

On July 31st, supporters of South London's Save Alcoholism Services Campaign demonstrated at Alexander Fleming House against the DHSS decision to cut off grants to services for alcoholics from April 1980.

Local Authorities will be asked to meet the cost of continuing these services at the same time as being told that less money will be available even for existing services in more popular fields.

Southwark's Social Services Committee has said it is "unwilling to say whether or when we might assume financial support and what form that support might take". So three South London voluntary agencies which provide accommodation and social work support for 78 people with drink-related problems now have no guarantee of continued funding beyond March 1980.

With at least 300,000 people in this country having a drink problem severe enough to be labelled 'alcoholism', and the number growing steadily, the problem is a serious one. The cost in traffic accidents alone due to drink is in excess of £100million per annum.

SAS's demonstration was only one part of a campaign organised by agencies and individuals in South London. You can support them by writing to your MP or to Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services. SAS can be contacted at: Save Alcoholism Services (in SE London), 131 Camberwell Road, SE5.

LONDON BOROUGH
OF SOUTHWARK
SOUTHWARK
COLLECTION

New Employment Worker

SCVS are pleased to welcome Geoff Bender who joined our STEP project in July as one of the two additional employment workers. Difficulties with MSC eligibility criteria have delayed appointing a third and final member of the team.

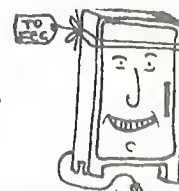
For this issue we have compiled a second employment newsheet to follow the special Focus on Women in June. The unemployment front is very active at the moment - mostly for the worse.

HARU Goes Public

From Monday 3rd September the Housing Advice Resource Unit staff will be available to advice centres and other agencies.

From 9.30 to 5.00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there will always be someone at the end of the phone (231 2471) to help with individual Housing advice problems.

Otherwise let HARU know of your needs for information, training, speakers for courses, specialist advice. We'll help if we can - we can't help if you don't let us know!



IS THERE A SPARE FRIDGE AROUND?

Family Crisis Centre urgently needs a fridge for one of its refuges. If you've got one in working order which you don't need any more ring 732-1986.

COMMUNITY WORK IN A MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY

The Association of Community Workers (ACW) are holding their 1979 Conference and General Meeting from 14-16th September at Goldsmiths College, New Cross - with this article's heading as its theme.

The conference will examine examples of practical solutions to a wide range of problems likely to be encountered by black or white workers.

Speakers will include Ian Martin, of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and an (unnamed) leading member of the government.

The speakers and workshops will seek to review community workers' professional and personal attitudes and objectives in a multi-racial situation, and the effects of national and local government decisions.

Apart from a choice of 22 workshops there will be films, a bookshop, Steel Band, Disco, Bar, and a chance for new members to join ACW.

Costs: Registration fee £3 (ACW members)
£6 (nonmembers)
Non-resident, meals only £8
Full residential
(but Sunday lunch extra) £17-50

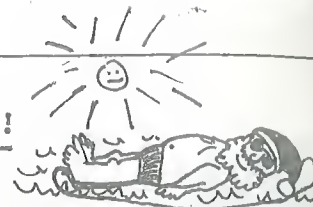
Apply for places to Maggie Pope, V.A.L.
120 Rushey Green, SE6. Tel. 690-4343

COMMUNITY WORK RESEARCH GRANTS

The Community Work section of NCSS has two DHSS grants available for the coming academic year. They would be suitable for experienced workers who wanted a year off to do some thinking, and who perhaps had a project on which they particularly wanted to work - e.g. a book they were trying to write or some research they wanted to get done.

The grants will be administered by the National Institute for Social Work, and anyone who would like to spend the next academic year academically should contact David Thomas or Paul Henderson (636 4066) as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS! ALREADY!!!



It's not too soon to ask you to help give 500 lonely pensioners a Christmas day party organised by the People Care Association in Walworth.

If you can help in any way from driving people to and from the party to catering on a massive scale or entertaining them after dinner, we'd like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs. S. Slater at 44 Date S, Walworth SE17 or ring 703-7641.

COMMUNITY WORK CASE STUDIES

NCSS' "In Print (July 79) comments:

"The Association of Community Workers and the Community Projects Foundation have published a collection of community work case studies for community workers and activists.

They are intended to help in the planning implementation and evaluation of projects, though not to act as models or recommendations. Local action on housing, women's issues, race relations, education and advice provision are all described by community workers who were involved. There are also two cases which describe the process of getting involved in community action, setting up a neighbourhood council and starting neighbourhood work on a council estate. The editors point out that collective action is becoming increasingly widespread and because groups are able to get finance through the Urban Programme, the Youth Opportunities Programme and Inner City Partnerships, a growing number of their projects are able to survive."

But watch this space for changes in Urban Programme priorities.....

ARE YOU AN AMENITY GROUP?

Six amenity societies have formed the Confederation of Amenity Societies in Southwark (CASS).

If you want to join the existing members who are the amenity societies of Bemondsey and Rotherhithe, Camberwell, Dulwich, East Dulwich, Peckham and Trinity Square, and are registered with the Civic Trust, contact Eileen Conn at 60 Nutbrook Street, Peckham, SE15.

CAMPAIGN FOR IMPROVED DAY CARE FACILITIES

The Finer Joint Action Committee (FJAC) have launched a campaign in the International Year of the Child to encourage local initiatives to gain improved Day Care facilities for children of working parents.

FJAC formed in response to the need to gain implementation of the recommendations of the Finer report on the needs of the country's 750,000 lone parents and their children.

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At the same time Gingerbread have been carrying out a survey of summer holiday play schemes in 12 London boroughs, including Southwark.

In their report they criticise a general lack of information within the local authorities as well as a lack of services. Southwark was found to have 7 suitable play schemes.

Contacts:

FJAC - 255 Kentish Town Rd. NW5 2LX
Gingerbread - Julie Kaufmann,
Information Officer,
Gingerbread,
32 Wellington St. WC2
Tel. 240-0953

DISTRAINT

In November 1978 Southwark Council decided to use a selective policy of distraint on goods to recover rent from wilful non-payers of rent.

This originally medieval procedure allows a council to send in bailiffs to seize the goods of tenants in arrears without recourse to Court proceedings.

No one in Southwark has yet had their goods seized, but more than 30 threats have been made, in several cases against poor tenants, a single parent on Supplementary benefit and in one case, someone who was no longer in arrears at all!

The Southwark Group of Tenant Associations (SGTA) and Southwark Rights Umbrella Group have issued a leaflet to councillors, Tenants Associations, branch Labour Parties and Trade Unions in the hope that the policy will be changed.

For more information ring SGTA on 237 8277.

CUTS IN SOUTHWARK



Central Government cuts in public expenditure are starting to make their impact on local authorities.

In Southwark, Council Committees have been warned that they may need to take a hard line against any requests for money which have not been budgetted for.

Departments are presently looking at the implications of a possible 3% cut in their budgets for the current financial year, and possible cuts of up to 6% next year. Where the axe will fall, who will suffer more or less, has yet to be decided.

"MIND IN SOUTHWARK NEEDS FRIENDS TO RELIEVE LONELINESS"

says a new leaflet published by Southwark Association for Mental Health.

Already Southwark Befrienders, a group of about 40 men and women of all ages, have been offering help since 1974.

Befriending the lonely on a one-to-one basis is a way of helping which nearly always works, given time.

New befrienders attend an interesting preparatory course, where the problems are discussed with psychiatrists and social workers in a very informal atmosphere.

For anyone who would like to help, a new preparatory course will be held starting on October 2nd.

If you would like a programme, get in touch with Julia Birley, Voluntary Help Organiser, The Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard Rd. Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX or ring 772-6611 (day) or 693-2600 (evenings)

NEED A MINIBUS?



If you belong to a Pensioners group in Southwark and need a minibus for an outing there is one available to you free.

It belongs to the Walworth Project and you can book it, up to 3 weeks in advance, by writing to Linda Paine at the Portakabin Office, St. Alban's Hall, Penton Place, SE17, or telephoning her on 701-1038.

It's a cheap way to enjoy a trip.

SITUATION VACANT

SOUTHWARK CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN is setting up an exciting new project in the Surrey Docks to investigate child care provision in the area for children of all ages with working parents, and to work towards extending and improving present facilities. Surrey Docks is a Development Area which will be facing many changes and a growth in population over the next few years, presenting a great challenge for those living and working there.

We are looking for a part-time Administrative Worker to join the Coordinator. The job will be varied but will include typing, duplicating and general responsibilities from the office, which will be located in the Surrey Docks area.

Local knowledge and an interest in the aims of the project are more important than recent office experience.

18 hours per week;
Local authority scale AP1, approx £75 per week, pro rata.

Closing date: 17th September 1979.

Please write with details of yourself, your experience and your interest in the job to: Nicky Road, Portakabin Offices, St Albans Hall, Penton Place, SE17.

Contact Carol Walliker, Co-ordinator, if you want to discuss the job: daytime 701 1038/9; evening 249 1257.

NEW GUIDES

Two useful guides for people running voluntary organisations have been produced by the National Council for Social Service.

The 'Charity Trustees' Guide' is for managers of charitable organisations. Subjects discussed include what constitutes charitable status; registration and incorporation; types, duties and liabilities of trustees; the charity authorities; and taxation.

The guide points out common problems and suggests where solutions may be found. It is intended to complement rather than replace existing legal publications on the subject.

The other guide - a revision of one previously issued - is entitled 'Insurance protection for voluntary organisations and voluntary workers'. It explains the types of insurance cover which are available and how to set about arranging them. It offers advice on insuring against property and financial losses, and against claims for damages; protection for employees and voluntary workers; and motor insurance.

EMPTY PROPERTY CORRECTION

In the July Newsletter (under 'Housing Interest Group') we gave the figure for empty properties in Southwark as 3,300. That was just those owned by Southwark Council. The total figure is 6,385. Sorry!

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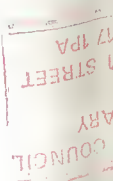
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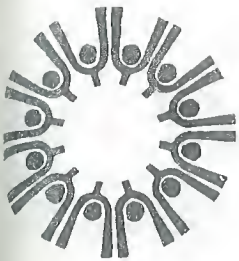
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THE CUTS

THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC EXPENDITURE CUTS are of very great significance for the voluntary sector.

⊙ Directly, because there'll be less central and local government money available for grants to voluntary organisations.

⊙ Indirectly, because many of the services with which voluntary organisations and their "constituents" have contacts will be cut back - education, health and social services among them. Unemployment will increase; programmes to create employment will decrease, and so will social security.

THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF THESE MEASURES REQUIRES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION - AND A RESPONSE - BY ALL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

Some have already reacted. At its August meeting Age Concern Southwark Management Committee unanimously passed this resolution:

"The Management Committee of Age Concern Southwark are alarmed at the action being taken by the Secretary of State in relation to cutting health resources in our area. Coupled with cuts in rate support grant and the consequent reduction in expenditure by local authorities, this will cause very severe hardship to the prevention of ill health in the elderly and an inability to provide acceptable standards of care for the elderly sick. This Committee calls upon the Government to think again and provide resources in keeping with what people in a humanitarian society rightfully expect."



Copies of this resolution have been sent to Age Concern England and Age Concern Greater London and to the Secretaries of State for the Environment and Health and Social Security.

Throughout the country voluntary organisations are getting together to discuss the issues and to plan joint action.

- The British Association of Social Workers has called a special meeting of voluntary pressure groups to create an alliance to protect vulnerable pressure groups and to fight the cuts.
- The National Council of Social Service is organising a meeting for people from the voluntary sector in Partnership and Inner City Programme areas to discuss the implications of the Government's review of Inner City policy and public expenditure in anticipation of a major government announcement in September. The meeting will be on Monday 24th September from 11 to 3.30. SCVS has a couple of invitations for any member organisation which wants to send a representative.
- The next meeting of the SCVS Executive Committee has "the Cuts" on its agenda. By then it hopes to know more about what measures Southwark Council will be proposing.

RELIEF ROAD REACTION

If the Southern Relief Road which the GLC proposes is built, it will cut a swathe across South East London from the Bricklayers Arms to Greenwich. It will cut through Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, put six hundred to a thousand jobs at risk, destroy four hundred homes, slice 2½ acres off Southwark Park and demolish two schools and a community centre.

It is no wonder that local organisations are up in arms at this \$140million monster.

A public meeting to organise opposition to the proposals is being jointly sponsored by Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Forum on

Tuesday 25th September

at Rotherhithe Baths Assembly Hall,
Lower Road SE16

at 7.30.

Detailed plans for the road are available for inspection at the libraries in Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and the Old Kent Road and North Peckham Civic Centre in September.

Petition forms against the road and more information from Charles Woodd, Bede House, 351 Southwark Park Road SE16, 237 3881.

STEP STOP STARTS

The uncertainty hanging over the Special Temporary Employment Programme has finally been dispelled with the news that no more money will be allocated anywhere in the U.K. to schemes not agreed already.

Although the MSC will continue to approve further schemes "in principle" - in case more money is forthcoming later - this decision is a severe shock for those with projects in the pipeline. It effectively stops in its tracks the Special Programme for the long term unemployed over 19 - who account for about a quarter of Southwark's registered unemployed. The position is to be reviewed in September or October, but the future looks grim for STEP.

EMPLOYMENT UNIT COMPLETE

With the arrival in the middle of August of Sarayu Shah the Employment Team is now operating at full strength. SCVS welcomes Sarayu as the latest member of staff, and hopes that despite her delay in being able to start - the fault of the MSC's red tape - the rest of her time on the project will be plain sailing.

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

Information on housing and
casework support for advice workers

in Southwark

MONDAY

9.30

WEDNESDAY

to

FRIDAY

5.00

RING

231 2471



HOMELESS TO HOUSING DISTRICTS

Since August 16th Southwark's District Housing Offices have taken over responsibility for homeless persons from the former central office at Bournemouth Road. This is part of a continuing process of decentralization of the Housing Department - people already have to apply for the waiting list and transfers at District Offices.

For further information on how the change-over may affect them agencies should contact the Housing Advice Resource Unit on 231 2471.

SOCIAL WORK HOUSING QUOTA

Every year Southwark Housing Department sets aside some homes for special groups of people. The Social Services Department had a number of places saved for families who, social workers thought, needed Council housing but who wouldn't get a place through the normal allocation procedure.

On July 30th the Housing Committee decided to set no limit this year on the number of nominations social workers could make. The Director of Housing said that the Housing Department wanted "to give them a blank cheque".

Last year social workers didn't use up all the places saved for them. Now they can ask Castle House to nominate all appropriate people to the Housing Department without worrying about using up a limited quota.

SOUTHWARK ABORTION CAMPAIGN

Southwark Abortion Campaign is a local group that has been formed to fight the Corrie anti-abortion bill currently going through Parliament.

S.A.C. says the heart of the matter is not only a woman's right to safe abortion but a woman's right itself.

The Campaign has regular meetings in Southwark every Monday at 8p.m. and will be holding a sponsored walk from the market in The Blue on Saturday September 15th. There will be a series of other events and a week of action leading up to the TUC sponsored mass demonstration with a march from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square on 28th October.

S.A.C. welcomes anybody interested to help - for further information write to 58 Fearnley House, Vestry Road, SE5, or phone Carol (701 9328); Liz/Carol (703 8030); or Anne (237 1715).

SAVE ALCOHOL SERVICES

After the demonstration outside the Department of Health's offices at the Elephant on July 31st, a deputation from the Save Alcoholism Services Campaign got an interview with the Health Minister Gerard Vaughan.

They asked Vaughan to extend funding for alcoholism services for two years, and protested at the way the DHSS had announced the cuts without consulting anyone involved in alcoholism work.

The Alcoholics Recovery Project and Giles House are two projects in Southwark which are in danger if the DHSS stops supporting their hostels for alcoholics.

Vaughan agreed to consider what the Campaign had said. He will meet them again in November.

Every year tax on alcohol puts £2,560 MILLION into the Exchequer. All the community services for alcoholics cost less than £1 MILLION!

OUTINGS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

People registered as handicapped - including blind - who can't have holidays or sea-side outings are taken by Southwark's mayor on country outings, including high tea, on some Saturday afternoons.

Applications to Dpt of Social Services, Castle House, Walworth Rd, SE1. Ref:CF.

WOLFENDEN CONFERENCE RECONVENED

In October last year SCVS and the Council co-sponsored a major conference to look at statutory-voluntary relationships, using as a launching pad the "Wolfenden Report" on The Future of Voluntary Organisations.

The Conference put forward a set of ideas to improve links between the Council and the voluntary sector and a steering group was set up to look at these in greater detail.

The group, comprising Council officers and representatives from voluntary organisations, met frequently during the past year and has now prepared a report on its work. This will form the basis for a reconvened conference, which is now being organised:

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10th

9.30am - 4p.m.

ROTHERHITHE BATHS

SCCR AGM

Southwark Council for Community Relations is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday October 1st at Havil St. Hall, Havil St. SE5.

DEIRDRE'S BABY

We are pleased to announce that the SCVS administrator Deirdre Alsey gave birth to a son, Simon. Both of them are well.

PROFILE



THE FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

129 CAMBERWELL ROAD LONDON SE5 0HB
Telephone 01-703 5561/2

The Family Welfare Association offers a casework service to people living or working in Southwark and Lambeth. It is keen to develop personal contacts with referrers and to discuss shared areas of work and concern.

The FWA is well known for its long-term one-to-one casework but gives equal attention to work with couples and families.

The FWA welcomes opportunities to meet with people from other agencies to talk about respective fields of work. Contact Wally Finn, Principal Family Social Worker, and the rest of the team at FWA.

publication

AGE CONCERN PUBLICATIONS.

* "HANDBOOK FOR THE OVER 60's" - aimed at pensioners living in Southwark, covering such things as money matters, housing, help in home, advice, heating, etc. (Free)

* Information Packs on "Health", "Social Security", and "Clubs" - each consists of looseleaves in a plastic wallet with information on those topics. (10p each)

RACE RELATIONS AT WORK

...is the name of a special Trades Union Congress bulletin for distribution throughout the trades union movement. It gives a brief introduction to some of the key aspects affecting race relations and employment - the law, language barriers, racism, myths. Copies at 5p each are available from the TUC.

THE MEDIA AND THE MESSAGE

The BBC has just issued its Autumn - Winter schedule of educational TV and Radio programmes. The vast range of series include programmes on counselling, youth work, urban sociology and crafts.

A couple of series which may be of particular interest are: "A Good Age", 8 programmes on Radio 4 about the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of ageing; and 'MULTI-RACIAL BRITAIN', ten TV documentary training films on improving race relations.

For more details SCVS has a copy or get one from the BBC Continuing Education Department (tel, 580 4468).

situations vacant

A worker experienced in community work with printing skills, particularly silk screen work, is needed to set up and run a Community Resource Centre in Bermondsey. The Centre is being set up by several established local organisations and the worker will work closely with present staff.

The worker will be employed by Bede House Association. Salary £4,500 to £5,000.

Details from Charles Woodd, Bede House Association, 351 Southwark Park Rd. SE16.. 237 3881. Closing date 28 September 1979.

Family Crisis Centre (formerly Southwark Women's Aid) needs an administrator.

The major responsibility of this full time post in the central office is fundraising; but it also involves filing, typing, answering the 'phone, etc.

Applicants must be able to work on their own initiative, write reports and appeals.

Salary £3,484 p.a. Apply to FCC, 6 Relf Rd. SE15 or ring 732 1986 for application form and more details as soon as possible.

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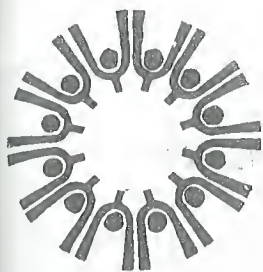
"Politics and Policy in Community Action" - a 2-term evening course at the Uni. of London Department of Extra-Mural Studies, on Wed. evenings from 29th September.

The course aims to set up a dialogue between community activists, volunteers, social workers, community workers and trades unionists, and to evaluate their practical experience.

Inquiries to the Principal, Addison Institute, Addison Gardens, London W14 0DT.



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211, BOROUGH ROAD, LONDON,
SE1 1JA.



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NEWSLETTER

Wolfenden conference

Don't forget -

Voluntary organisations should by now have received an invitation to send representatives to the reconvened 'Wolfenden Conference' VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTHWARK - THE FUTURE, to be held 9.30am - 4pm, Wednesday 10th October 1979, at the Rotherhithe Civic Centre.

Registration forms should be returned to the SCVS office as soon as possible. If you have not received a form, but would like to attend, phone Sharon, Jo or Debbie on 703 9730.

CUTS IN SOUTHWARK

SCVS is calling a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING on the evening of Tuesday, 30th October, to discuss public spending cuts in Southwark and their implications for local voluntary organisations.

The meeting will look at what is happening nationally as well as focussing on the proposals being made by the local health authority, the ILEA, and Southwark Council. There will also be plenty of opportunity to share information on local attitudes and action. Please put the date in your diary now: more details and background information will be circulated shortly.

Meanwhile, Southwark Council has decided to encourage local discussion on the implications for the borough of the Government's spending cuts. A paper considered recently by the LBS Policy & Resources Committee outlines the effect on Service Committees of cuts of 2%, 4%,

and 6% next year. This document is to be publicly available so that interested people can let the Council know their views. SCVS will be issuing a summary of the paper to member organisations in advance of the Special General Meeting on October 30th.

URBAN AID

The Department of the Environment has now issued Urban Programme Circular no. 20 inviting grant applications for new projects in areas of special social need.

As in previous years, funding will be available for both voluntary and statutory schemes. This year, however, each borough will be allowed to submit only 10 schemes (unless some are very small) and these will have to be ranked in order of priority rather than simply being given an A, B, or C rating as previously. How this is to be organised in Southwark is not yet known, but SCVS will be sending details to member organisations as soon as possible.

Areas of 'special social need' are those characterised by 'poverty, high levels of unemployment, overcrowding, lack of basic household amenities, old and dilapidated housing, educational disadvantage, inadequate community services, severe pressure on social services, or a poor quality of environment.'

£6million will be available nationally under this circular for projects serving such areas which provide facilities to:

a. tackle special problems requiring the co-ordinated efforts of several local authority Departments and/or other agencies;

b. encourage innovation;

c. unlock community initiatives.

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UNITED NATIONS WEEK

20-28 October, 1979 Southwark Events

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th

- 10.15am CEREMONY OF UNFURLING OF U.N. FLAG over the Town Hall, Peckham Rd., by the Mayor, Cllr Cather, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony.
- 10.30am JUNIOR FILM SHOW at Camberwell Church St. Library.

- 2.30pm INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH Mayor's XI -v- British Council Students Centre A.F.C., at Dulwich Common Sports Ground
- 7 pm INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL EVENING Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Rd S.E.5. Tickets £1 from the organizers, Southwark Council for Community Relations, 137 Camberwell Rd., SE5, tel. 703 8706.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21st

- 10am PARISH MASS St Giles Church, Camberwell Church Street - overseas visitors welcomed. to the service & coffee afterwards.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 23rd

- 7.30pm THE DEVENTER LINK Planning for local organisations to make use of Southwark's friendship link with Holland. Copleston Centre, Copleston Rd SE15.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24th - UNITED NATIONS DAY

A leaflets on the day's events is

available from the Town Hall Info Centre and local libraries (free).

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25th

- 7.45pm INTO THE 80s: ENERGY Talk by Jonathan Porritt, Deputy Chairman of the Ecology Party, followed by discussion, at Dulwich Library Hall, Lordship Lane.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26th

- 2 pm + 7.30pm CONCERT by a band from Southwark's prospective twin town near Hanover, Germany, at North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road.
- 7.30pm BARN DANCE (incl. demonstration!) at Dulwich Baths Reception Hall, East Dulwich Road. Tickets: £1.50 (including supper) from Lois Hainsworth, 136 Thurlow Pk Rd SE21.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27th

- 10.30am FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF FUNDS Offers of help to Mrs. Hainsworth (tel: 693 2147).
- 7.30pm CONCERT by a section of the Langenhagen Wind Band, at St John's Church, Goose Green, East Dulwich.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th

- 2.45pm UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

FOCUS: CHILDREN. HANDLE WITH CARE! THEY ARE THE FUTURE.

International Year of the Child photoposters will be on display at a number of venues throughout the borough during the week.

AFRICAN SCULPTURE: a varied exhibition of tribal art (particularly from Nigeria and Ghana) at South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road. Open until November 8th. Weekdays 10 am - 6 pm; Sundays 3 pm - 6 pm.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week programme, please contact the Town Hall Information Centre, Peckham Road, SE5. In view of financial constraints, the Borough Council is not publishing a separate printed programme of events this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Hon. Sec. of the local branch, Lois Hainsworth, 136 Thurlow Park Rd SE21 (tel: 693 2147).

★ Please help to publicise the above events. ★

CHIPS CONFERENCE

The loss of 200 jobs recently at Southwark Bridge Road printers, Contract Composing, through the introduction of new technology, could be the tip of an iceberg. All fields of work will be affected by the use of microprocessors, but office work and printing - Southwark's 'growth industries' - will be amongst the hardest hit.

To discuss the implications of the new technology, four trades councils in South London - Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth and Wandsworth - have called a conference on October 27th. Details available from Rod Robertson c/o Lansbury House, 31 Camberwell Grove, SE5.

SUSPECT SALMON

Southwark's Social Services Dept. has issued a warning about some tins of Russian pink salmon (does that make it red salmon -Ed.) which have caused some minor cases of sickness. No adverse bacteria have been detected in DHSS tests, but the importers have agreed to refund suppliers. If you come across a tin, trademark 'Socrà' with a serial number P291 - 1977, return it to the supplier who should refund your money.



BENEFITS HANDBOOK

"Benefits & Rights in Southwark", subtitled a handbook for advisors has now been published by the Walworth Project. It covers financial, consumer, housing, employment and family issues, and is designed to replace the 1972 CPAG publication, "Welfare Rights in Southwark", which is now largely obsolete. Amendment sheets will be issued regularly to update entries. The first of these will be out by the end of November.

Copies of the handbook are available from Geoff Day, Walworth Project, Portakabin Offices, St Albans Hall, Penton Place, SE17; tel: 701 1038/9.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES REVIEW

The MSC's 'Review of the first year of Special Programmes' is now available and provides a useful, informative - and relatively honest - appraisal of the successes and failures of the STEP and YOP programmes since they replaced the old Job Creation Programme.

Copies are available free of charge from: MSC, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London WC1.

MEDIA MATTERS

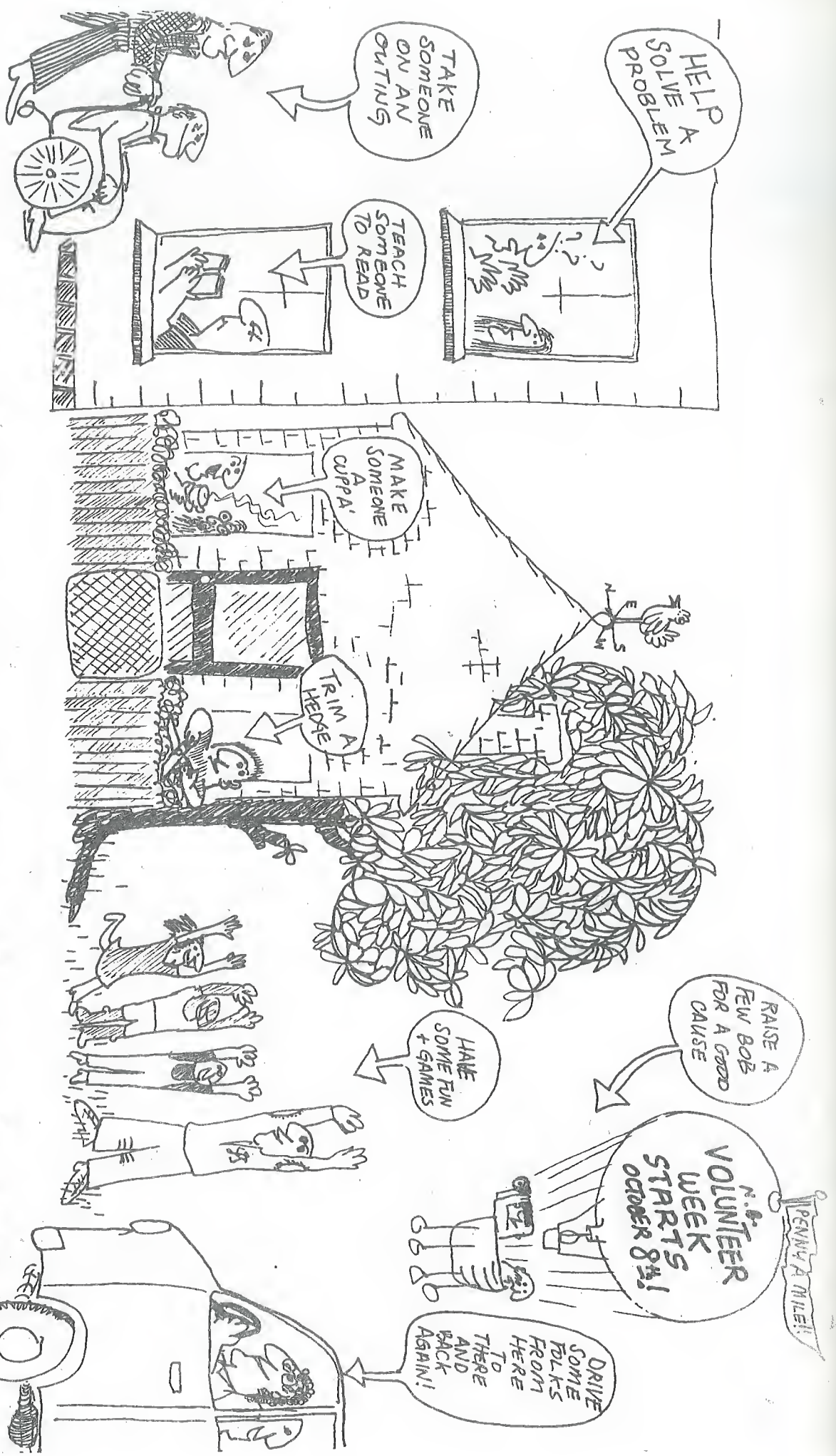
Does your organisation suffer from a lack of publicity for its policies, activities and campaigns? If so, "Using the Media", a new publication from Pluto Press written by Denis McShane, former president of the National Union of Journalists, may be what you need.

It provides a comprehensive account of how to get the best out of the media. There are chapters dealing with press releases, news conferences, dealings with journalists, TV and radio, letters, complaints and the role of press offices. At £2.50 paperback, it could be a valuable asset for voluntary organisations. Buy it at the Bookplace, or borrow the SCVS loan copy.

The TUC are also concerned about the media. "A Cause for Concern" is the title of a recent publication dealing with the press treatment of last winter's strikes. The TUC has also issued a pamphlet on "How to handle the media" which provides a shorter treatment of the same themes as Denis McShane's book, aimed at trade unionists.

STEP workers meet

Workers from voluntary organisations in Southwark employed on the MSC's Special Temporary Employment Programme have held a series of meetings to discuss issues arising on their projects. Workers from STEP schemes in voluntary organisations across London attended the last meeting on September 28th. For details of future meetings, contact Geoff at the SCVS Employment Unit (703 9730) or Iven Spicer at the London Union of Youth Clubs, 60 Camberwell Road, SE5.



here are just a few of the things Southwark
volunteers do... it's easy for you to join them!

Just give any wallis a call at the Southwark Voluntary Workers'
Bureau - 53 Chatlam Street, SE17 + telephone 791.3816

URBAN AID Continued from page 1.

The hope is expressed in this year's circular that the Urban Aid funds will be used for 'schemes which will assist in health creation rather than consumption; will engage the private sector; and will contribute to making inner cities places where people wish to live and work.' It is not at all clear what is meant by this - the only examples mentioned are environmental improvements - and it seems important that schemes submitted locally should continue to reflect the actual needs of the area and have a realistic approach to how they can be met.

At the time of writing, Southwark Council has not yet set the local timetable for the submission of applications, but details of this and of how to apply will be sent out shortly. (SCVS member organisations will be circulated automatically: others who would like more details should phone the SCVS office on 703 9730.)

CAMPAIGN OPPOSES 'ROUGH JUSTICE'

Local campaigns were started up all over the country over a year ago in response to the Labour Government review of the Supplementary Benefit system. The review was called 'Social Assistance', and put forward the idea of 'rough justice': some claimants could lose out in an effort to simplify the overburdened sup. ben. system.

To rights workers, claimants, and the DHSS trade unions, this idea is unacceptable. Supplementary Benefit is a means-test which keeps people at or below the poverty line. There's simply no room for 'rough justice'.

But rough justice is what we're getting - with or without the implementation of the review. The Labour Government started the ball rolling with cuts in home visiting (especially important to pensioners) and in help for heating.

The Tories are carrying on this tradition by putting even the 'postal review'. This was intended to maintain at least some contact with pensioners - by writing to them regularly to ask if their circumstances had changed.

They're also introducing fortnightly payments to the unemployed, in an effort to cut staff. The Claimants' Union has

SCVS will also be holding an URBAN AID SURGERY on the afternoon and evening of Monday 15th October, at 53 Chatham Street, SE17, when staff and others will be available to offer help and advice with preparing applications. So, if your organisation is putting forward a project and you're stuck with the wording need help with the costings aren't sure about how to fill in the form or are just in need of moral support! come along and we'll work it out together.

TIN AGM

The second Annual General Meeting of the Teenage Information Network will be held on Monday October 22nd at their new premises, formerly 'Attwoods' in Harper Road, SE1 (just off the New Kent Road). Time: 6pm.

This will also be a chance for anyone interested to meet the three TIN workers who have just been appointed: Amanda Bennett, Anne Hughes, and Eric Barney.

summed up this scheme like this: "Instead of starving for 2 days at the end of each week, we'll now starve for 4 days at the end of each fortnight".

ACTIVITIES

One activity being undertaken by the Southwark campaign is leafleting Unemployment Benefit Offices to tell claimants they have a right to a weekly giro if they ask for it. The CPSA (one of the DHSS unions) say that if only 10% of claimants insist on this right the scheme would cease to be cost-effective. Those jobs will then be 'saved' for the workers - not the Government!

The campaign is also producing a newsletter which will give lots of information about the local situation.

The local campaign's next meeting is on Thursday October 4th at 2.30pm at the Walworth Project Portakabin Offices, Penton Place, St. Alban's Hall, SE17. All are welcome.

For further information about the campaign, please contact Peter Esam, Southwark Rights Umbrella Group, c/o the Walworth Project (tel: 701 1038/9).

JOBS

Interested in your rights? The ADVICE CENTRE IN THE BLUE needs:

2 TRAINEE RIGHTS WORKERS - for advice and information giving and casework. Post financed under the Manpower Services Commission's STEP scheme for 1 year. Applicants under 25 must have been unemployed for 6 months or longer, those over 25 years must have been unemployed for a minimum of 1 year.
Pay - £64 weekly

Job description and application form available.

More Volunteer Workers to help with advice and information giving and some casework (for 2 or more days per week) You don't have to have any experience - training is given at the Centre.

Travelling expenses paid.

If you are interested in any of these posts - ring 231 2472 or call into the Advice Centre in the Blue, 100 Southwark Park Road, SE16.

COURSES

HOUSING COURSE OVERLOADS!

Reaction to the introductory course on "Housing in Southwark" being run by the SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit has been more than the team can handle! The Unit will be putting on a repeat of the course, probably starting next January, and applicants who couldn't be accommodated this time will be given priority then.

We're aware, however, that this general, introductory type of course is only really a starting point for training in housing advice, and we would like to hear from advice agencies their views of the issues which could usefully be covered by more specialist sessions. These can be tailor-made to an agency's requirements and take place at the workplace.

The person to talk to is Dave Brown (tel: 231 2471) who has special responsibility for the Unit's training facilities.

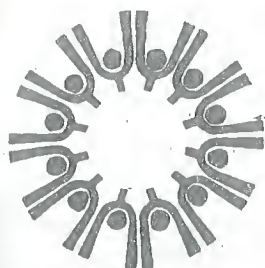
FINANCIAL COURSES FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

If you're having trouble balancing the books then this is for you...the Directory of Social Change is running a series of workshops and seminars on basic accounting and financial management in October & November. For details contact them at 9 Mansfield Place, London, NW3, tel. 794 9835.

HARU NEWS

Any Newsletter reader who wants to keep in touch with news on housing developments in Southwark, and who hasn't received a copy of the Housing Advice Resource Unit's own newsletter recently, should contact Christine Holloway at the Housing Advice Resource Unit (tel: 231 2471).

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NEWSLETTER

WOLFENDEN CONFERENCE

Over 40 organisations sent representatives to the reconvened conference called by SCVS and Southwark Council on 10th October to discuss relationships between the local authority and voluntary organisations.

People at the conference commented in detail on various methods of improving consultation and joint planning structures and on a number of questions relating to funding and grant aid procedures.

A full report of the recommendations made at the conference is being sent to all SCVS member organisations, who will be asked to add their comments and to mandate the SCVS Executive Committee to negotiate the proposed changes with Southwark Council.

URBAN AID

DON'T FORGET : APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN AID GRANTS MUST REACH THE TOWN HALL BY 5TH NOVEMBER.

SCVS has this year been asked to comment on what voluntary sector priorities for Urban Aid projects should be. The Executive Committee will therefore be meeting early in November to consider the applications that have been submitted.

Representatives from each applicant organisation will also be invited to that meeting to present their projects and to help determine SCVS's view of what the priorities should be.

If your organisation is submitting an application this year, please phone Sharon Collins at the SCVS office (703 9730) as soon as possible for details of the meeting.

D.O.E. GRANTS

Applications are now invited from national and regional voluntary bodies for Department of the Environment grants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1981. These are small grants awarded to voluntary bodies to help them undertake programmes through which people can better understand or shape their environments. Particular interest is shown in projects displaying one or more of the following characteristics

- a) they are innovatory or experimental
- b) they make better use of resources
- c) they stimulate the interest of people in the environment
- d) they contribute to the renewal of the urban environment.

Grants range from £500 to a maximum of around £15,000 - the voluntary body normally being expected to match the grant pound for pound from other income.

Applications should set out the proposals in detail and include:

1. objectives of the scheme
2. the programme of activities
3. an estimated budget
4. reasons for aid being sought.

Applications should be made by 30th November, 1979 and sent to the DoE, Room 603, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7ER. tel 211 7992/8208

VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Inside this Newsletter you will find a copy of the SCVS Volunteer Bureau's new publicity leaflet. We'd be very grateful for any help with distributing them to potential volunteers : so, if your organisation would like extra copies to display or to distribute, please phone Amy Wallis, 7013816.

HARU NEWS

We are now producing a monthly newsheet with that name. 2 issues have so far come out, with articles on the Homeless Persons Act, Southwark Council's 'points scheme' for allocating housing, and a variety of information about housing in the area. The November issue will include something on Hostel provision in Southwark, and schemes for exchanging housing nationwide.

Because of 'HARU News' we will be confining our entries in this newsheet to telling you what HARU is doing. If you want housing stories get on the mailing list for HARU News now!

Our first training course is into its fifth week of twelve. We have been asked to lay on 3 seminars before Christmas for staff of Southwark Housing Department District Offices - on homelessness. If that is a success we hope to cover a broader range of topics in later courses.

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HARU's 'casework support' service is being used more and more - and not only by the Advice Centre in the Blue's workers, who have the advantage of us sharing their offices.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will find someone at the end of the phone. Try on Tuesdays and Thursdays too, but we can't guarantee always to be there.

HASSLES

This is a game and project pack devised by Pam Schweitzer, designed by Jonathan Zeitlyn. It is aimed at 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils and young people in youth clubs, showing the problems of discrimination faced by young blacks in this country, and the fact that "Race" is often used to divide people and to direct attention away from the source of these problems.

Both the way the news is presented and the issues raised in articles included in the project pack offer scope for discussion.

Available from and published by
Community Service Volunteers,
273 Pentonville Rd. N1 9ND
 (£3.50 + postage)

SOUTHWARK TRAINING WORKSHOP

At last the first stage of a training workshop for young people in Southwark is about to become a reality. The old Colgate factory in Braganza St. will soon be providing training and work experience for 25 young people aged less than 19.

Voluntary organisations in Southwark have been involved in the consultations and planning of this proposal since the spring of last year. Southwark Council, the sponsor of the workshop, has called a further series of meetings between all the parties involved, including trades unions and statutory bodies such as ILEA and the Training Services and Employment Services Divisions of the MSC, to consider the appointment of a workshop manager, premises, the training programme, products, etc.

Apart from the MSC money under the Youth Opportunities Programme, Southwark Council has provided £63,050 for the first year's operation from the Industry Fund, as reported in the August newsletter.

The second stage is planned to provide a further 25 places for people under the STEP programme, but for the moment the MSC has frozen the STEP programme so its future is unclear. The five activity areas planned at the moment are basic engineering, basic electronic/electrical, basic metal fabrication, office/clerical and needle skills.

PENSIONERS MINIBUS

Bookings are available from the Walworth Project, (Portakabin Offices, St. Alban's Hall, Penton Place, SE17 701 1038/9) for any pensioners group in the borough.

There is no hire charge, but groups pay for their petrol. And there is a £25 deposit, which is returnable.

Groups can book the minibus up to 4 weeks in advance - or at any time if they are from Walworth.

THE STATE AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY.
£1.20 from CDPPEC in association with
PDC.

The now defunct Community Development Projects live on in the form of their Political Economy Collective who have produced this pamphlet with the Publications Distribution Co-operative as the first of a new series.

The pamphlet contains a number of essays examining the problems of inner city decline, its effects on jobs and the community and the various responses of central and local government to it.

Of particular interest to Southwark readers should be Nick Sharman's analysis of the inner city Partnership in Docklands and John and Jan O'Malley's survey of the experience of the last Wandsworth Labour Council's attempt to tackle unemployment problems in their borough by policies such as producer co-ops and a 'good employer' clause in council leases.

In the five remaining essays the problems of employment, the small firms policy, the need for trade union research facilities at a local level, the implications of the microprocessor revolution and many other facets of the urban economy are touched upon.

The pamphlet is vital reading for all those who appreciate the underlying economic causes of 'urban deprivation' and doubly so for those who have yet to be convinced that urban poverty and the multiple deprivation which characterise inner cities are the logical outcome of the current economic and social system.

Individual copies are available from CDPPEC, Brookside, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 6EY. Trade distribution DPC, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT

CABLE RADIO



A meeting for organisations in the Walworth area to meet and discuss programme planning for a new cable radio scheme is to be held on Thursday 22nd November at 6.30 p.m. at the Aylesbury estate activities centre; the leaflet we are enclosing with this month's newsletter has some more information about the scheme.

LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

There is a comprehensive collection of local historical and contemporary material at the new John Harvard Local Studies Library at 211 Borough High St.

The library has a copy of practically every printed book, from the 16th century to the present, covering some aspect of the area.

The library is open:

Monday and Thursday: 9.30 - 12.30
1.30 - 8.00

Tuesday and Friday: 9.30 - 12.30
1.30 - 5.00

Saturday (by appointment) 9.30 - 1.00

It is always advisable - and sometimes essential - to make an appointment.

Ring Mary Boast on 403 - 3507.

SHARE-A-JOB

Job sharing has become increasingly popular over the past few years as more employers are recognising the advantages it brings - increased productivity, flexibility and reduced absenteeism. For individual workers it offers more responsible jobs with decent salaries than the more normal part time work.

The Job Sharing Project is promoting the idea in both statutory and voluntary sectors and is looking for job sharing in Southwark.

If you run such a scheme or would like their a copy of their leaflet 'Share - a - Job' free, send a SAE to 75 Balfour Street, London SE17 or ring 701 6763

SPARE FURNITURE

Southwark Council's Housing Welfare section can use any household furniture or equipment which is no longer required.

They need them for people who are setting up home for the first time or after an emergency like a fire. If you have anything suitable and not too old and shabby, ring Mrs. Mary Rowe on 639 0523, or call at the store at Frensham Street depot, Frensham Street SE15

SOUTHWARK RIGHTS UMBRELLA GROUP

SRUG now has a constitution, and an annual subscription to provide some funds for leaflets, mounting campaigns and so on.

The scale of subscriptions is

- £5 per organisation
- 50p per individual (employed)
- 10p per individual (unemployed)

Cheques/P.O.s should be made payable to 'Southwark Rights Umbrella Group' and sent to the Secretary, Geoff Day, c/o Partakabin Offices, St. Alban's Hall Penton Place SE17.

SRUG is badly needed in the current economic climate. So please join!

DO YOU KNOW...

Where to get Day Tickets to fish in Surrey Docks?

Or that there is a Horse Pound at East Dulwich Police station?

For this information and much much more about services provided by Southwark Council, and other amenities in the borough, you need a copy of "Southwark A to Z 1979".

SCVS has 400 copies, so please come and help yourself to several!

TAKE IT LIKE A MAN MA'AM

This film, being shown today November 1st by the women and work group based at the Bookplace Peckham, focuses on the real difficulties facing women who want to work.

The group was formed in June 1979 with a view to, among other things, looking at job opportunities and training facilities for women. Local Peckham women are involved and the group functions firstly as a contact point for women to discuss their experiences; share feelings, generally boost confidence, provide encouragement, in women relating to work. The group aims to look critically at the employment needs of women and the obstacles of attitudes by employers, Job Centres etc.

The group meets every Thursday 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and anyone wanting any more information please contact

Tanya - Bookplace - 703 1757

Maggie - Pitt St. - 703 4775

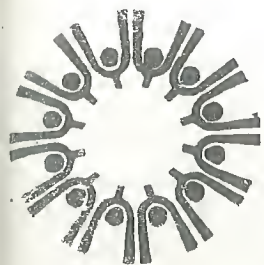
Sarayu - SCVS - 701 9730.

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FAMILY CRISIS CENTRE

(Southwark Women's Aid) - are still looking for a full time administrator/book-keeper. The salary will be £4,000+ and anyone interested should contact Maggie or Liz on 299 0021/2.

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RATE SUPPORT GRANT

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The announcement of the Rate Support Grant (RSG) allocations for 1980/81 hard on the heels of this year's cuts and the Government White Paper on Public Expenditure will hit Southwark especially hard. All the Inner London Boroughs have lost over £1 million apiece in the RSG settlement as the Government attempts to shift resources towards the Shire counties and rural areas.

The effects of this cut will be exacerbated by:

- 1) an increase in the amount paid to precepting authorities - Police, ILEA, GLC for services.
- 2) the effects of the current rise in interest rates. Minimum Lending Rate is now at the record high of 17%.
- 3) inflation - the Government has made its spending and RSG plans on an assumption of a 13% inflation rate. A more realistic figure would be nearer 17% or even 20%.
- 4) wage settlements - government figures estimate 13% wage rises - 17% would be more realistic if wages were to keep pace with inflation.
- 5) cuts in housing subsidies - a 5% cut would cost Southwark £2 million.

The real effects of the cut in RSG has been a cut in the level of support to Southwark Council from 61% to 58% - an effective cut of £2½ million.

The total cuts imposed on Southwark in real terms threaten to be about £4 million or 7%.

It seems probable that this will result in a 4% - 5% cut in services and a substantial rate rise to cover the difference.

URBAN AID

For the first time, Southwark Council this year invited SCVS to comment on the Urban Aid applications put forward by voluntary organisations and local authority departments.

As this invitation was made after the Council's timetable for processing the applications had been determined, we did not have time to formulate detailed comments on each of the 27 applications submitted. However, on November 14th about 40 of us (Executive Committee members and representatives of applicant organisations) met to decide on the relative merits of the various projects and to rank the applications in priority order.

The resulting list has now been sent to Southwark Council as SCVS's formal recommendation on the priority order in which projects should be submitted to the Department of the Environment. The first 10 on the SCVS list were:

1. Save the Children Fund's Copteston Daycare Centre;
2. Cambridge House Community Development Project with the Mentally Handicapped;
3. Hummingbird Housing Association's play centre;
4. St. Giles' Centre's Hostel;
5. SCVS's Employment Development Unit;
6. Bede House's Community Arts Resource Centre;
7. SCCR's Multi-purpose community centre;
8. Rockingham Estate's community centre;
9. Colombo Street Sports and Community Centre;
10. South London Industrial Mission's Riverside Community Trust.

CUTS CAMPAIGN

SAVE SOUTHWARK SERVICES is the campaign title chosen by Southwark's Public Service Unions which recently established a joint anti-Cuts Committee. The campaign is demanding that Southwark follows Lambeth's example and opposes Government cuts.

It is organising a demonstration and mass lobby of the Labour Party Group meeting on December 3rd. A march to Peckham Town Hall assembles at Camberwell Green at 5 p.m.

HOUSING INTEREST GROUP

SCVS Housing Interest Group on November 19th discussed the transfer of GLC housing to Southwark. Together with a representative of Southwark Group of Tenant Associations, the meeting asked its chairperson to write to Southwark Housing Committee chairman Charlie Sawyer about their fears concerning some aspects of the transfer -

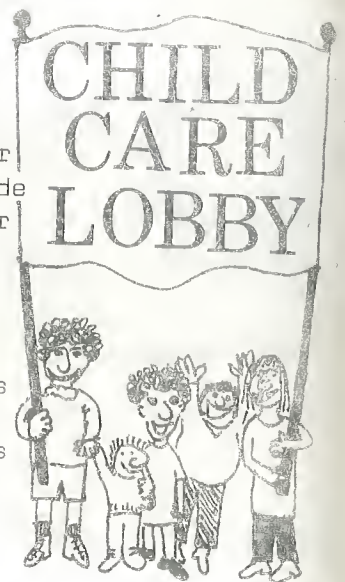
- * Southwark and the GLC may have underestimated the cost of future modernisation of GLC housing
- * Understaffing in the Direct Works Service transferred from the GLC may mean that repairs can't be done well
- * The new scheme of caretaking may not provide an adequate service
- * Former GLC tenants may have to accept Southwark's more restrictive tenancy agreement
- * At the time of transfer, the re-organisation of the Housing Districts and the transfer of bureaucracies and papers may cause confusion, delay and disaster.

These could be problems for those who are Southwark tenants now, as well as those who'll be transferred next year.

The Housing Interest Group are also worried that the suggestions for making sure that Council tenants will be able to transfer into other boroughs are inadequate.

Southwark Child Care Campaign is lobbying the Social Services Committee on December 11th at 6 p.m. outside Peckham Town Hall for decent child care facilities.

Join them and tell Southwark Councillors what parents and children want in this borough. Further information from Carol on 231 3033.



GRANT FOR THE HOMELESS

Catherine Mullan, Co-ordinator of St. Giles' Centre, writes:

Our rolling programme of housing for teenage girls consists of an emergency night shelter, a hostel, group homes and access to self-contained flats.

The South East London Consortium Housing Association has bought a beautiful building for our hostel since the old one had to close. Building work begins to get it ready for use this month.

Although Housing Association schemes pay for the bricks and mortar, we needed extra capital for furniture and furnishings, and to help pay for the social workers.

Section 13(2) of the Homeless Persons Act 1977 says that the authorities can give money to voluntary organisations working with the homeless. Some time ago the Director of Housing had said that the Council would be willing to consider each application for funding under this Section on its merits.

So after informal discussions with the Housing Department we submitted a formal application. At the Housing Committee on November 7th we were granted £10,000 for the furnishings and £4,300 to cover the

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deficit on the running of the scheme.

We are also making an Urban Aid application for two more workers to give us the staff to concentrate on work we haven't had time for before, such as training for a career and life skills.

We are very pleased with this outcome, and feel that it's an important example of the way in which Section 13 can be implemented by local authorities.

IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS THREATENED

Proposed changes in British immigration and nationality laws will have major effects on the status and rights of many Southwark residents.

Considerable controversy has already erupted over the recent White Paper which includes measures to deprive women born outside Britain of the right to be joined by their husbands and fiancées.

The restrictions have been condemned as racist and sexist and may contravene the European Convention on Human Rights.

A number of organisations in the Borough are involved in national campaigns against the changes - as well as the unjust features of present laws - and will be mounting information drives to let local people know how they may be affected.

For more information contact -
Southwark Council for Community Relations
137 Camberwell Road
London SE5

Southwark Campaign Against Racism
and Fascism (SCARF)
c/o 53 Chatham Street
London SE17

Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre
Copleston Road
London SE15

1981: YEAR OF DISABLED

The United Nations has proclaimed 1981 as the International Year for Disabled Persons. The aim of the year is to promote the full participation and integration of disabled people in society and make the public more aware of the needs of disabled people (defined by the UN as those having a physical, mental or sensory handicap).

There will be national initiatives, particularly through the media, and local action is needed as well. How accessible are facilities in Southwark? What problems are local disabled schoolleavers having in finding suitable employment? etc.

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter information and advice agencies in the borough are already planning a review of their services to disabled people.

If you would like to do any work relevant to I.Y.D.P. 1981 please contact SCVS.

ADVICE SERVICES REVIEW

Information and advice for the disabled and legal advice for the general public are to be investigated in Southwark in the coming year.

The two areas have been selected for study by working parties to be convened by the Forward Planning Group for Information and Advice Services.

The Group has recently been reorganized by its members to enable it to undertake more reviews of services, and to strengthen links with other voluntary organisations in the borough.

Any organisation or individual interested in helping either working party is welcome. Contact Jo Szwarc at SCVS on 703 9730.

RELIEF ROAD SLAMMED

The GLC claims that building the Southern Relief Road will help regenerate industry in Docklands by improving access to redevelopment sites. But all the evidence contradicts this.

Now a report commissioned by Southwark and Tower Hamlets Councils supports local communities in their campaign to stop this hugely expensive folly. One of the initial findings published by Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick Partners, an independent firm of traffic consultants, is that a major road is a double edged weapon. The road if built can just as easily encourage industry to locate outside Docklands if goods can be easily moved in!

This is precisely what has happened in South Wales as a result of building the Severn Bridge. Increased access to South Wales has led to factories and depots closing down there, and the industrial activity being taken over by firms near Bristol. (Report by Clear and Thomas; University of Bath Press.)

The Department of Transport in 1977 published the Leith Report which took the same view: 'building a road is analogous to a reduction in tariff in international trade', and the country with the best relative competitive advantage improves its position. Inner London with high land costs, blight and difficult sites, will therefore suffer compared with Outer London and green

field sites. This is what happened between the wars when the outskirts of London were developed, e.g. at Park Royal and Brentford, after the Great West Road was built.

Thus the fight to retain and attract jobs to the Surrey Docks and Docklands as a whole demands opposition to the Southern Relief Road proposal. (Copies of the initial report by Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick are available from the SCVS office).

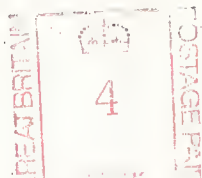


COMMUNITY ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

Would you like to see your photographs in print?

The Community Work Service Newsletter is looking for photographs to illustrate community action and events. Please send a return address and any relevant details with your photographs to Jane Tallentire, CWS, London Voluntary Service Council, 68 Chalton St, NW1. 388 0241.

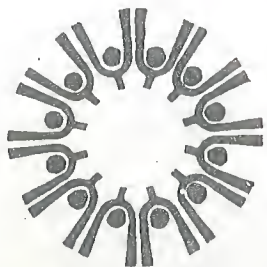
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GRANT CHALLENGE REBUFFED

Many of you will have read in the South London Press of Cllr. Eckersley's call for SCVS's grant from Southwark Council to be withheld.

In a letter to our Chairman, Raymond Clarke, Cllr. Eckersley expressed concern about the circulation by SCVS of 'party political' literature; he was referring in particular to the Claimants Rights in Southwark leaflet sent to member organisations as part of an information pack on public expenditure cuts.

You will be pleased to know that Southwark Council decided not to take up Cllr. Eckersley's suggestion that the grant be stopped.

However, to avoid further confusion we would like to make it clear that SCVS is not a party political organisation; nor do we regularly distribute the literature of any other group or organisation.

We do on occasion include with the SCVS newsletter documents, reports, leaflets etc. that member organisations wish to exchange.

This does not imply that SCVS always concurs with the views expressed in the literature it circulates.

In the particular instance to which Cllr. Eckersley refers the CRIS leaflet was included in an information pack about public expenditure cuts; and local responses to them which was compiled and issued at the specific request of a general meeting of the Council for Voluntary Service.

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SCVS Annual General Meeting

6.30p.m. Thursday Jan 31
at Cambridge House
131 Camberwell Rd., SE5

Community Health Council elections

Each NHS District has a Community Health Council whose job it is to represent the views and interests of the general public to the NHS managers, and to be a "watch-dog" over existing services and those planned for the future.

At this particular time, with the Area Health Authority suspended, and many services and facilities being axed by the Minister's Commissioners for reasons of economy, the Community Health Councils assume a special importance.

The CHCs will have to take on the role of representing those worst hit by the cutbacks - the old, the disabled, the poor and the homeless - those least able to fight back themselves.

Voluntary organisations elect ten representatives onto their local CHC (five retiring every other year) which is one-third of the CHC's total membership.

To be able to nominate a candidate, and take part in the elections, organisations need to register with the Regional Health Authority, who then issue an approved list. The closing date for RHA applications is Feb 18th 1980 - SCVS will be sending a leaflet with a tear-off slip out soon to make this easier.

If you haven't received this leaflet by the end of January, or if you want more information about the elections, contact Debbie Newhook at SCVS on 703 9730.

NATWEST FUNDS

The National Westminster Bank has a "social responsibility" programme which can help voluntary/community groups in one of 3 ways:

DONATIONS

The Bank has a budget of £500,000 which it donates to organisations. Grants for capital expenditure are normally preferred, but grants for running costs are given to community groups. Most of the grants given were in the range from £300 to £500: the maximum grant available is £3000. 5000 applications are usually received for this money.

SECONDMENTS

The Bank's aim here is to help members of its staff over 50 to do something they find more rewarding than spending the final years of their working life in a bank! It is therefore essential that the work is compatible with and interesting to such people. The secondment lasts 2 years, with a possible 2 year extension. The person then goes straight to retirement.

The Bank pays salary, NI, pension contribution, and expenses, and regards the staff on secondment as 'ambassadors' for the bank. Organisations wanting secondments should apply well in advance, as it takes time to match the person to the job.

At present there are about 35 secondments to organisations in the Greater London area.

SPONSORSHIP

The Bank will also sponsor projects (usually lasting 1 year) with "fairly substantial" grants. However, the Bank itself normally initiates the sponsorship: this year it is supporting ROSPA on a campaign to reduce accidents in playgrounds and Age Concern on a campaign to reassure or assist the elderly who are isolated by the fear or reality of crime.

The person to contact at NatWest is:

Mr E Heath
Community Affairs Manager
National Westminster Bank Ltd.
41 Lothbury
London EC2

MORE MONEY

An independent Trust in London is seeking to give financial aid to groups in the south of England who are helping young people in trouble or at risk. Maximum grants are about £4000 for one year.

There are no application forms: if you would like to apply to the Trust for funds please send full details about your project to:

Philip Hope
Intermediate Treatment Development Officer
National Council of Social Service
26 Bedford Square
London WC1B 3HU

who will pass it on to the Trust.

MONEY FOR IT

A National Fund for Intermediate Treatment in England and Wales has money available for capital grant-aid to voluntary IT groups. Although funded from government sources, the Fund is independently administered by the Rainer Foundation and can support individual volunteers, voluntary groups and registered charities with money for items and equipment. To apply for grant-aid contact the Fund for an application form and explanatory notes at The Director, Intermediate Treatment Fund, Livingstone House, 11, Carteret Street, London SW1. Telephone: 222 3600.

HARU NEWS

January's edition of "Housing Advice Resource Unit News" is now available from HARU.

The issue contains news and information on

- * the Government's plans to help the private landlord (and what that may mean for private tenants)
- * the new Home Insulation Grant scheme available to all householders
- * recent clarification of Southwark's policy on its treatment of the homeless

If you're not already on the mailing list for HARU News, ring Christine Holloway on 231 2471.

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CONSULTATION ON URBAN AID

As you will know, this year for the first time SCVS was asked by Southwark Council to make recommendations on which projects should be submitted to the Department of the Environment for funding under the Urban Aid Programme.

The process was very rushed and by no means entirely satisfactory and two particular difficulties arose as a result : firstly, because of the tight timetable, some organisations were not able to send a representative to talk about their projects at the SCVS meeting that discussed priorities. This was particularly true of projects put forward by Council Departments. Inevitably projects which did not have an advocate present did less well in the SCVS priority list than those which did. Secondly, four projects were submitted by Council Departments after the deadline had passed and after the SCVS recommendations had been made. These were projects specifically dealing with employment initiatives and environmental improvements, and were included despite their lateness because Council Officers felt that not enough projects of this kind had come forward, and that they would be particularly favoured by the Department of the Environment. These projects were therefore considered only by the Council and not by SCVS. They are marked below by *.

Bearing in mind the difficulties, and these two factors in particular, we felt it would be interesting to look at the results of this year's consultation, so that member organisations can gauge what influence it had on the Council's final decisions.

There were 3 phases in the Council's decision-making process: SCVS submitted its recommendations; the Council's Chief Officers took these into account and drew up their own recommendations, and finally Councillors considered both lists and drew up the final submission to the DoE. The 3 are compared below:

SCVS's RECOMMENDATIONS:	CHIEF OFFICER'S BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:	COUNCILLOR'S FINAL DECISIONS:
1. Day care project at the Copleston Centre	Refunding of grant to support pre-school playgroups (SS Dept)	Pre-school playgroups (as C.O.B.)
2. Mental handicap project at Cambridge House	*Bermondsey Street Industrial Improvement area (LBS)	Day care project at Copleston Centre
3. Humming Bird Play Centre	Charterhouse Alternative Education project	*Bermondsey Street Industrial Improvement area
4. St Giles Centre hostel	Juvenile Aid Scheme (LBS)	Charterhouse Alternative Education project

SCVS'S RECOMMENDATIONS

CHIEF OFFICER'S BOARD
RECOMMENDATIONS:COUNCILLORS'
FINAL DECISIONS:

5. SCVS Employment Development Unit	Day care project at Copleston Centre	Juvenile Aid Scheme
6. Bede House's resource centre	St Giles Centre & hostel	Mental handicap project at Cambridge House
7. SCCR's multi-purpose community centre	Humming bird play centre	St Giles Centre hostel
8. Rockingham Estate community centre	St Luke's centre work with the elderly	Humming bird play centre
9. Colombo Street sports & community centre	*Union Street Industrial Improvement Area (LBS)	St Luke's centre work with the elderly
10. SLIM's Riverside community trust	Gibbon Rd Community centre (LBS/West Indian League)	*Union Street Industrial Improvement Area (LBS)
11. FWA's scheme for families with difficulties	Mental handicap project at Cambridge House	Gibbon Road Community Centre
12. Rye Lane West community Centre	*Braganza Street Training Workshop (LBS)	*Braganza Street Training Workshop (LBS)

VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Do you run a charity shop? Or do neighbourhood work with volunteers? Maybe you produce a community newspaper or newsletter and would like more people to help out?

If so, Amy Wallis, Organiser of the Voluntary Workers Bureau, would like details of your project, for inclusion in the register of opportunities for voluntary work in Southwark. Contact her on 701 3816

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE

The 24th (Southwark) Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade urgently needs new recruits to join their branch and help with their work which involves being on duty at various royal, civil and sporting occasions and taking old and disabled people to various locations throughout the country. The local division meets on Monday evenings from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. at Club Lane, Camberwell Road, SE5, at the junction with Grosvenor Terrace. Anyone interested may go along to the meeting or contact: Mr. C. Moore, 10 Gosling Court, Childer Street, London SE8. Telephone: 692 8266.

RED CROSS

The London Branch of the Red Cross Society are looking for people willing to be trained to carry out first aid and nursing duties. The training courses are held at their various centres throughout London, after which the volunteer would be on duty at public events (i.e. at the London Palladium, the Festival Hall, rugby matches etc.)

Their other need is for weekday, daytime drivers to take sick disabled or elderly people in the London area to and from hospitals, to stations, etc.

The person to contact is: Jan Pearson, Branch Secretary, British Red Cross Society, 34 Grosvenor Gardens, London W1. Telephone: 730 0672/0677.

Change of address

St Giles' Community Health Offices (not to be confused with the CHC) have changed their address. The new address is

St Giles' Community Health Services,
Mary Sheridan House
15 St Thomas Street
London SE1 9RY

BOOK REVIEW

'The Source Book for the Disabled' is a compendious, well illustrated guide to help people with physical disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.

Aids, equipment, clothes etc. designed to help people with all types of disability in all aspects of their lives are listed, described and sometimes illustrated. Sections on, for example handling a wheelchair or sign language and finger spelling are aimed equally at helpers. Special chapters consider the needs of disabled parents and disabled children. Psychological and social problems are tackled in a matter-of-fact, reassuring way. A very useful handbook.

'The Source Book for the Disabled' edited by Glorya Hale, is published by the Paddington Press, price £4.95. Source: NCSS/In Print/December 1979.

New CHC People

From 1 January 1980 the Chairman of King's Community Health Council is Adrian Speller. The two Vice-Chairmen are Harold Little and Hilary Ellisdon. The new Secretary is Gill Lucas.

Student Placements

The London Voluntary Service Council recently organised an information session for community groups and voluntary organisations interested in supervising social work students on placements.

The session has been written up, and the notes are available from Valerie Robinson at LVSC (68 Charlton St., NW1). They would be useful for any organisation thinking of taking their first social administration or social work student. Please send a stamped addressed envelope.

Legal Advice

St. Giles' Centre has started a free legal advice service, staffed by volunteer lawyers.

It's open every Monday evening from 6 to 8 pm, in the crypt of St Giles' church, Camberwell Church Street, SE5, tel. 703 8877.

Problems they offer to help with include employment, landlord and tenant, income tax, immigration problems, divorce, police matters, and social security.

DOCKLANDS UDC

If the recently published Local Govt., Planning & Land Bill becomes law next year, the control of all development in the Docklands area, including housing, industrial, commercial, environmental and transport devt., will be taken over by a new Urban Development Corporation for London's Docklands. This will have serious implications for people in Southwark and the other Docklands boroughs, as their real needs for suitable jobs, houses, leisure facilities and public transport are likely to take second place to the needs of private developers for profit. Local democratic control of development will pass to a New Town style UDC.

The Employment Unit has produced a background paper about the Government's proposals - if anyone would like a copy, please contact Peter McDonagh or Geoff Bender on 703 9730

Springboard

Springboard Southwark, a Community Service scheme run by Community Service Volunteers, has placed about 100 young people with voluntary organisations in Southwark under the MSC's Youth Opportunities Programme. They now hope to expand their activities by setting up a number of project teams, each with its own supervisor, to undertake work which would not normally be done by the voluntary agency's own staff. Voluntary organisations which think that they may be able to find worthwhile work for these teams are invited to contact Wendy Fryer, Co-ordinator, Southwark Springboard, on 703 9777.

Jobmates

Jobmates are urgently needed in Southwark. The Capital Radio/National Extension College scheme which was launched last summer relies on volunteers in the community to help young people "survive unemployment and find a job". While there is no shortage of young people seeking to join the scheme, there is a shortage of people wishing to become Jobmates in the Southwark area. For more information contact John Newman, Capital Jobmates, on 636 3261.

Unemployment Conf.

Unemployment & the Community

is the title of a conference on 8 February 1980, organised by the Assoc. of Researchers into Voluntary Action and Community Involvement. Speakers include Marjorie Mayo from Joint Docklands Action Group and Dr. Peter Draper of Guy's Hospital. In the afternoon there will be 4 workshop sessions. It is being held at the National Children's Bureau, 8, Wakely St., EC1, 10.30am.-4.30pm., cost £8, incl. lunch.

Hairdresser Wanted

NEEDED URGENTLY: someone to teach hair-dressing to a small group of teenagers, 2 hours a week for 6 weeks starting mid-January. The place is the Aylesbury Day Centre off the Walworth Road and the group will meet one day a week 5pm -7pm. The tutor will be paid £4.40 per hour. Contact: Jane Kelly, Pembroke House, on 703 2597.

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Southwark Disablement Association

The Southwark Disablement Association met on 16th January and one of the issues raised was the problem of ensuring regular transport provision for disabled people.

It was decided that it would be useful to hold a conference around the issue of transport so that current problems, fears for the future and possible action could be discussed by as many groups and individuals as would wish to participate.

A planning group will be holding its first meeting very soon and if you have any suggestions as to how the conference should be organised, ways in which the subject could best be tackled, etc. please contact Christine Coombes at SCVS.

SAC NEWS

There is to be a week of action again against Corrie's Abortion Bill from 2nd February to the 8th, the day the decision will be taken on the final reading of the bill. Activities have been organised locally by the Southwark Abortion Campaign and include a torchlight procession from Dulwich Hospital (which has a day-care abortion unit) to Kings College Hospital, 6pm on Thursday, 7th Feb.

On the 8th of February there will be a National Assembly of Women at Central Hall, Westminster from 3pm, with speakers, discussion and theatre groups.

For more details contact SAC at I46 Landcroft Road SE22.

Alarm scheme

A new alarm scheme has started in Southwark. It is designed to help and protect people at risk in their own homes. These will be people who are housebound, have permanent ailments such as arthritis, bronchitis, kidney trouble etc., and/or sudden medical emergencies, heart attacks, falls, etc. Most of them, but not all, will be old, usually living on their own, and needing outside help.

If you know anyone who falls into this category ring Ian Harris on 703 5841 or write to St. Giles Centre, Camberwell Church Street, SE5.

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A voluntary organisations committee has been set up to bring together societies who will work on joint activities for the International Year of Disabled People - the theme of the Year being to promote the full participation of disabled people in society, and to make the public and those in positions of influence more aware of the needs of disabled people.

Working groups are being set up to discuss plans for special campaigns both nationally and locally on the following issues: Access; Employment; Disability and the Family; Projects for Schools; Disability and the 3rd World; Attitudes and disabled People.

Further detail about these groups and about campaign activities generally, as well as the International Year newsletter are available

from: Stephen Crampton,
IYDP, 26 Bedford Square,
London WC1B 3HU

THE HOUSING BILL

The Government has published its Housing Bill at last.

It may be changed before it is passed, of course. Even so, readers might like to know its content now.

*People who've been living in any Council or most Housing Association property for 3 years will have the right to buy.

*They'll get a price discount, starting from a third - if they've been tenants for the minimum of 3 years - up to a half - if they've been tenants for 20 years.

*They'll have an automatic right to a mortgage.

*By paying £100, they'll be able to secure the option of buying at current prices for the next 2 years.

*Council tenants and most Housing Association tenants will have security of tenure.

*Councils will have to publish details of how the allocation, transfer and exchange systems work for Council housing. Anyone who applies will have the right to look at their records, to make sure they're right.

*The Government can choose to give money to help pay for arranging transfers and exchanges of Council tenants.

*The new system for subsidising local authority housing will give central Government more control of local spending. Central Government will set a limit to rate increases, and will then subsidise housing after assessing "the local contribution" which comes from these rates - and Council house rents. The subsidy won't be inflation proof, either.

*It will be easier to get an improvement grant; Council tenants will be able to get one too, and they'll be available for part improvements as well as total.

*Repair grants will also be more widely available.

*It will be made quicker and easier for landlords to get rid of all sorts of tenants and licensees - those who can be evicted now, but only after a longer procedure.

*Fair rents can be re-registered after only 2 years instead of 3.

*Private landlords will be able to let on "shorthold contracts" of 1 to 5 years. These will have a rent registered at the start - but the tenants will never be fully protected.

*To encourage public institutions like Building Societies and Banks to build for rent, a new "assured tenancy" will be invented.

Any reader who'd like to know more about the Bill should ring The Housing Advice Resource Unit on 231 2471.

What future for STEP?

The mid-term review of the Special Temporary Employment Programme currently under consideration by the MSC is not very hopeful. Although the Programme will continue - contrary to expectations earlier in the year when STEP's budget was slashed in half - it will do so in an emaciated state.

To keep within the £46.9m budget for I980/I would mean reducing the current I6000 or so STEP places to 9000 by November I980 - though occupancy could be maintained at I2000-I4000 places for an extra gross expenditure of £5m. There are currently 2500 people in Southwark who are eligible for STEP.

The review rejects directing STEP to those who might become long-term unemployed as impracticable.

Many STEP schemes have already noticed the new rigidities over eligibility criteria. After considering waiving this for various groups including ethnic minorities the review recommends waiving only in the case of the disabled and ex-offenders. "Priority", it says, "should be given to the least able and qualified."

In future it suggests the nomination to STEP of prospective workers by the DHSS's Unemployment Review Officers, and referral of STEP workers to Job Centres in the last 4 weeks of temporary employment. Priority for new schemes, it says, should be given to those which provide "mainly semi- or unskilled manual work."

Yet whether any new schemes get funded remains in doubt. "There could easily be insufficient cash available to keep running all the current schemes in STEP designated areas and there may be comparatively little money for new projects."

PUBLICATIONS

Help!

The Thames TV HELP programme has produced an excellent series of information documents on a range of issues, some in co-operation with other bodies.

"Getting a Job" produced with the MSC deals with the range of services provided by Job Centres. "Are you getting enough?" produced with the Low Pay Unit is an information sheet dealing with the legal minimum rates of pay set by the Wages Councils for workers in low paid industries.

Other pamphlets are available on playschemes, housing issues, legal advice, fun with the under-5s, etc.

For more information or for copies contact HELP Programme, Thames Television, I49 Tottenham Court Rd London NW1 3BB.
tel: 387 9494.

employment guide

This Guide is a practical aid for social workers in SE London

It was compiled by the Consortium Employment Group, including Pete McDonagh of SCVS.

It includes a section on social workers' attitudes to employment of clients, and also practical information on statutory and voluntary employment agencies - Job Centres, commercial agencies, MSC Special Programmes, training, employment benefits and the law.

It costs 60p. from The Consortium, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5. 701 2209.

knowhow...

is a guide to information, training and campaigning materials for information and advice workers.

Written and compiled by Grainne Morby,

it includes information on such issues as social security and fuel, the police and criminal law, housing, consumer rights and health.

It costs 95p and is available from Publications, British Library R&D Department, Sheraton House, Great Chapel Street, London W1V 4BH.

student placements

is a pamphlet giving guidelines for voluntary organisations on student placements from social work courses - how to get them, what they involve, etc.

Copies can be obtained from the SCVS office.

minibuses

Community Transport has produced "Starting Up : How to run a Community Minibus Scheme - a Comprehensive Guide" to help groups run their own schemes.

It gives details of what is necessary in terms of organisation, regulations, etc and suggests helpful and efficient routines and procedures once schemes are operational.

The guide is available from "Starting Up", Community Transport, 31 Poland St. Ancoats, Manchester, price 30p (10 p post and packing).

YOUTH

"The National Council of Social Service has published an intermediate treatment discussion paper entitled "Theories, issues and strategies concerning Juvenile Delinquency," written by Phillip Hope, NCSS's intermediate treatment officer.

The paper covers in detail the aims, methods and structure of IT, as well as ways in which local voluntary groups can get involved with young people who are in trouble.

CHC NEWS

Interested in health service facilities in your area? Come to a meeting on Wednesday 6 February at 6.30pm at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Rd SE5 to hear about the work of the CHC and why your organisation should take part in the CHC elections this year.

PRINT PLACE

Robert Brimblecombe and Anna Birch have started work as job-sharing resource centre workers, with a brief to set up "The Print Place" at Bede House. It will be a resource centre with printing equipment for the use of local groups wanting to print posters, newsletters, leaflets, etc.

Meetings:

Does unemployment kill?

is the title of a meeting organised by the SCVS Employment Unit on Wednesday February 6th at St Giles Centre.

The meeting will include a video showing of the World in Action programme on the work of Professor Harvey Brenner. His research here and in the USA has shown marked correlations between unemployment levels and suicides, heart diseases, cirrhosis of the liver and other ailments. The video will be introduced by Stephen Hopwood of NCSS.

The meeting is the first in a series which it is hoped will include discussions on working with the unemployed, women and unemployment, local organisations' employment strategies and a number of other topics relevant to workers in voluntary organisations concerned with employment issues.

CAN UNEMPLOYMENT KILL?

Wednesday February 6th, 7.30pm

at ST GILES CENTRE, CAMBERWELL CHURCH STREET, SE 5.

Alcohol problems

"The Prevention and Early Detection of Alcohol Problems" is the subject of a $\frac{1}{2}$ day meeting organised by Alcohol Counselling Service and Guys Health Education Unit.

Thursday 21st February from 1.30pm - check venue & details with ACS (639 3252).

The meeting is free to anyone working or living in Southwark, Lambeth or Lewisham.

Springboard Art Project

About 18 months ago local voluntary organisations were asked if young local unemployed people could assist in running these agencies.

It was decided that one useful type of work would be in assisting local organisations with window displays, posters and other publicity.

Springboard Southwark has obtained, through the Manpower Services Commission, funding to set up such a project. Five young people aged 16 - 19 and a supervisor will be available to assist voluntary bodies within Southwark with publicity services.

Before this project is established however, it is necessary to establish if there is sufficient work in the area for such a team. If your organisation could benefit from such a project please contact Wendy Fryer at Springboard: 261 9273/9283/9351.

Change of address

SPRINGBOARD SOUTHWARK is moving on January 23rd to Tress House, 3-3 Stamford Street, London SE1 9NT.

Telephone 261 9273/9283/9351/ 928 2121

Job Vacant

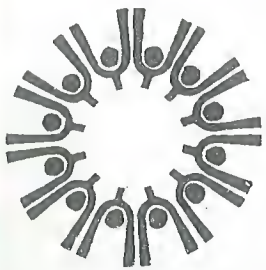
S.E.London Consortium has a temporary vacancy for the post of Activities Organiser.

Applicants must be long-term unemployed (a minimum of 6 months, or 12 months if aged over 25).

Salary: £68.50 per week.

For further information contact Marie-Paul on 261 9622.

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SCVS Elections

The elections at this year's Annual General Meeting of SCVS, held on January 31st, produced 8 new members of the Executive Committee for the coming year. The full Committee is listed here: newly-elected members are marked *, or ** if they were members of last year's Committee standing for re-election.

- ** Raymond Clarke - Chairperson
- ** Margaret Oram - Vice-Chairperson
- ** Dick Howell - Hon. Treasurer
- Ruby Brooksby - South London Spastics
- Margaret Cochrane - Pitt St Settlement
- ** John Cottle - Southwark Youth Club
- Richard Crombet-Bedlens - Pitt St Se
Settlement
- Ken Edwards - S.E. London Consortium
- * Beth Falkingham - Elephant Jobs
- * Wendy Fryer - Springboard Southwark
- Anthony Hawley - Charterhouse-in-
Southwark
- * Sid Hercules - Southwark Council for
Community Relations
- Tony Houston - Southwark Trades Council
- ** Peter Hudson - Blackfriars Settlement
- Phillippa Mansell - Solon Housing
Association
- ** Eileen McNally - Age Concern Southwark.
- Colin Rochester - Cambridge House
- * Des Ryan - St. Giles Centre
- * Frances Sullivan - Advice Centre in
the Blue

Urban Aid

Last year, the DoE announced that it would not continue to fund the work of urban-aided projects that have been operating for longer than 5 years.

If the Urban Programme is to continue at all, these projects will have to re-apply for grants, alongside and in competition

with the new schemes that will be put forward.

This change of policy means that from March 1981 Southwark stands to lose an estimated £300,000 worth of grants to local projects, many of them in the voluntary sector.

Southwark Council has already protested strongly to the DoE, and has asked whether the withdrawal of grants could at least be staggered so that projects needing re-funding would not all be competing for grants in the same year.

To strengthen the Council's hand in its negotiations with central government, we need absolutely accurate information about which projects are affected when and to what extent. In the

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we circulated a questionnaire asking for this information: if your organisation currently receives an Urban Aid grant, please fill in the questionnaire and return it. (If you've lost it, phone the SCVS office for another - 703 9730)

Low Pay In Vol Org's

Low pay is an increasing worry for workers and management committees in many local voluntary organisations.

What can be done by workers whose wages have historically been fixed at unrealistic levels and who have no firm contract with their employer to ensure that their salaries keep pace with a rising cost of living? What can be done by management committees wishing to give their employees a fair deal but unable to persuade their funders that the voluntary sector shouldn't be regarded as a source of cheap labour?

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News On Distraint

Last summer we reported on a campaign by Southwark Group of Tenant Associations and Southwark Rights Umbrella Group to persuade the Council to abolish its new policy of "distraining" tenants for rent arrears.

Distraint is the practice of using certificated bailiffs to seize the goods and furniture of tenants in arrears. In the case of public-sector tenants, the Council, as their landlord, does not even have to go to Court to prove its case before sending the bailiffs in.

The Council claims that it only uses distraint in cases where the tenants have plenty of money but are simply unwilling to pay their rent. But in their booklet "Distraint in Southwark", SGTA and SRUG gave examples of cases where the threat of distraint was being used on tenants in severe financial difficulties and - in one case - on a tenant who wasn't in arrears at all.

Since that time, all three Constituency Labour Parties in Southwark and the Local Government Committee of the Labour Party (which will nominate Labour candidates for the 1982 Council elections) have all voted for an end to the use of distraint.

On February 13th 1980, Southwark's Housing Committee received a report from officers on the working of distraint. This showed that the threat of distraint - the Council has not actually carried out seizure yet - had resulted in a reduction of less than 1% in the total level of Southwark's rent arrears.

Nevertheless the officers recommended that the experimental use of distraint had been proved useful and that the practice should continue.

After some discussion the Committee endorsed a further "pilot" year of using distraint, although the supervision of its use has been changed from the Housing Management Sub-Committee to the Rent Arrears Panel (with the addition of Cllr. Ritchie) in an effort to prevent the use of distraint on tenants whose circumstances make it quite inappropriate.

The Committee also ordered that a form letter being sent out by Southwark District Housing Office to tenants only £33 in arrears, threatening distraint, should be withdrawn immediately.

Some Councillors remain unhappy at the endorsement of distraint at all, however, and the matter is likely to be re-discussed in the Labour Group very shortly. Back in December, the Group decided they could not agree with the enthusiastic support for distraint contained in officers' comments on the Housing Consultation documents issued by the DoE - as a result, full Council decided to withdraw them even though they had passed Housing Committee.

SGTA and SRUG hope the same thing will happen this time to the Committee's decision on continuing distraint. A spokesperson for SRUG commented: "Housing Committee's decision to only agree to a new trial period and increase supervision was a small step in the right direction. It shows that Labour Councillors are embarrassed by the opposition to distraint by tenants and members of their own party. Now we have to convince Labour Group that distraint itself is neither an appropriate nor effective way of dealing with Southwark tenants in arrears".

To Let

Daytime use of CHURCH HALL (approx. 70ft x 35ft plus small rooms), Benhill Road, SE5. Some evenings free also.

We would also consider a long-term let of the complete premises.

ALSO daytime use of (part of) a YOUTH CLUB, also in Benhill Road. Main space about 40ft square. Some evenings free also.

For both the above, contact Father Bomford, 703 4504, or write to St. Giles Vicarage, Camberwell Church Street, SE5. Alternatively, they may be seen on Monday evenings at 7pm at St. Giles Centre.

Make News

Do you want other people to know what you're up to? The Council's regular newspaper, Civic News, will publish news from local organisations or information about them.

Send a draft text, 300-500 words long, typed double-spaced, to Warren Newman, the Council's Public Relations Officer, at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.

Women & Employment

I.Y.D.P. PUBLICATION (cont.)

Women and Employment: A Local Experience is the title of an article by Sarayu Shah of the SCVS Employment Unit in the February edition of the NCSS's Worksheet.

The article details the national situation of rising female unemployment, the local situation, and the response of a group of women in Southwark - the Women and Work Group.

Copies of the article and details of the group are available from Sarayu Shah at SCVS.

The Reckoning

The Reckoning is the title of the World in Action programme which provided material for the discussion at the first meeting of a series organised by the SCVS Employment Unit.

The meeting at the St. Giles Centre on February 6th attracted people from organisations as diverse as Ellison House, Brandon Baptist Centre, the London Borough of Southwark, Southwark Trades Council, St. Giles Centre and Springboard Southwark.

The video tape, introduced by Stephen Hopwood of the NCSS, featured the work of Professor Brenner. Applying sophisticated analysis to unemployment levels and other indices of social stress for depressed Liverpool and relatively prosperous Nottingham, he showed the same correlations between unemployment rates and deaths from suicide, murder, cardio-vascular disorders, cirrhosis of the liver and other indices of stress.

Future meetings will be on topics such as Working with the Unemployed, Women and Unemployment, etc.

IYDP Publication

The Southwark Libraries Department is planning to issue a new publication for International Year for the Disabled (next year, 1981). The Department has not yet decided what would be the most appropriate initiative and would welcome suggestions. At the moment they are thinking in term of a comprehensive catalogue of the books available on various kinds of handicap and related subjects, or perhaps an up-to-date list of information sources for disabled people.

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If you have any other ideas or suggestions please contact Cyril Fowler at Dulwich Library, 693 5171, or Brian Sugden at Camberwell Church Street Library, 703 3763.

Camberwell Festival

"Camberwell is not dead, but divided" - that's the conviction behind a group of people organising a Camberwell Festival in June of this year.

The Festival aims to bring together all the diverse interests, skills, cultures and concerns of the local people, to breathe new life into a neighbourhood felt by many to be in decline.

It will start with a Carnival Parade on Saturday June 7th and end with a torch-light procession on Sunday June 15th.

If your group is interested in taking part contact Father Bomford on 703 4504.

Southwark Summer Festival

Southwark Entertainments is again presenting a Summer Festival to include a Gala Day on Peckham Rye Common on Sat. May 31st, 1980; a Gala Weekend at Belair, Gallery Road, Dulwich on Sat. and Sunday June 14th-15th; and a Festival of Sport on the weekend of July 26th-27th.

Local organisations are offered the facility of providing and manning side-shows and/or displays at all venues on the appropriate Saturday afternoons to raise money, or just for fun.

Applications for stalls should go to the Southwark Entertainments Section not later than April 19th, and should have enclosed with them the site fee charge of £2.00.

LOW PAY (continued from page 1)

SCVS and Southwark ACTSS are jointly calling a meeting for people from local voluntary organisations to discuss these and other issues associated with the problem of low pay.

The meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 11th March, at the Lordship Lane Information Centre. ACTSS members and groups affiliated to SCVS will be receiving further details automatically: anyone else who's interested should contact Sharon Collins, 703 9730).

Southwark CHC s

Community Health Councils exist to represent the community's interest in the health service. It has always been important that the community be represented in the management of the NHS, but today our voice must be heard as never before.

The suspension last summer of the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority and the appointment by the Secretary of State of Commissioners means that decisions about the future of our health services are now taken in private. £5½ million is to be cut from the health service in the three boroughs regardless of the health needs of the residents.

In Guy's District, which covers the northern part of Southwark, cuts have meant the closure of all in-patient services at St. Olave's Hospital, Rotherhithe, as part of a 10% reduction in the number of beds in the District, while out-patient services have been cut by 15%.

In King's District, which covers central and southern Southwark, there has been an 8% reduction in hospital beds - the majority of which have been in St. Giles' and St. Francis' Hospitals - the hospitals most used by the local community.

Regional specialities have been cut back - heart surgery has been severely curtailed

and the number of kidney transplants, which would enable severely ill people to resume normal lives, has been limited.

These are just the most dramatic cuts. Community health services like District Nurses, Health Visitors, Family Planning and child health clinics are being affected by the cuts and badly-needed developments planned in these services are not taking place.

Clerical and ancillary staff are not being replaced, or re-appointment is being deferred. This means, for example that clinic nurses are having to do two jobs and the result for the patient is a harassed nurse, longer waiting times, and rushed appointment.

The Community Health Councils are the consumers' voice in the health service. We need to know the effects these measures are having on the residents of Southwark. Contact us with

Contact them with your views and comments:

Guy's CHC: Francis House
King's Head Yard
Borough High Street
SE1
tel: 403 3012

King's CHC: 75 Denmark Hill
SE5
tel: 703 9498

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AHA WINS AND LOSES

The London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham have won their High Court battle against the Secretary of State for Social Services, Patrick Jenkin.

The judge decided that last year's suspension of the Area Health Authority and the appointment of Commissioners was illegal. However, a bill now going through Parliament will legalise the Commissioners' actions - which included the suspension of services at St. Olave's Hospital and the closure of St. John's Hospital in Lewisham.

URBAN AID - WHAT NEXT

The Department of the Environment has now issued its long awaited consultative document on the future of the traditional Urban Aid Programme.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a summary of the main points of the document, plus a draft of comments which SCVS proposes to submit.

Members should contact Sharon Collins at the SCVS office as soon as possible with comments, suggested changes etc. to this submission.

It is also important that local organisations respond to the DoE individually: your response does not need to be very long or detailed and if you wish you can just make the point that the urban programme is important to the voluntary sector and needs to be continued.

If you wish to read the full consultative document, SCVS has a copy in the office, or you may be able to get one direct from DoE, 2 Marsham Street SW1.

WHAT FUTURE FOR CHCs

There are fears that a recent government consultation paper on the structure and management of the National Health Service might be the beginning of the end for Community Health Councils.

The paper, 'Patients First', came out in December 1979, and suggests that the need for CHCs may be reduced if district health authorities replace the present Area Health Authorities. This is because members of the new Authorities might be more closely in touch with the needs of their communities.

The Government stress that 'Patients First' is a genuine consultation paper, and that people should send comments to: The Secretary of State for Social Services, DHSS, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, SE1. The deadline for comments is April 30th 1980.

Voluntary organisations may wish to comment particularly on the need to retain CHCs and on the size suggested for the proposed District Health Authorities, which will have only 20 members each. This will make it unlikely that the voluntary sector will be well represented on them - certainly not by the 33% of membership it holds on the CHCs.

WOMEN IN PRINT

WOMEN IN PRINT NEED WORK. We are a group of 6 women working together in a feminist collective. We print posters, stickers, leaflets, booklets that are non-sexist, non-racist, non-ageist. We can print any size up to A3, with photos any colours, reduced or enlarged. We can also do design and paste-up. We will give estimates. Ring us on 701 8314, or call in to 16a Iliffe Yard, off Crampton Street, SE17.

PRISONERS' WIVES SERVICE

How do you feel about the families of men in prison?

Do you think they should be punished for the crime he has committed?

Have you ever thought of the loneliness and hostility that prisoners' families suffer?

If you think you could offer support and freindship to a family during a man's imprisonment, the prisoners' wives service needs women volunteers in this area who can visit one or more families on a regular basis.

Contact the Prisoners' Wives Service on 737 0223.

RECYCLING RUBBISH

The National Anti-Waste Programme has made a film with an accompanying booklet to encourage voluntary organisations to collect waste materials for recycling.

"Rubbish Tips", which stars Ronnie Barker, is an amusing introduction which highlights the practical problems and processes involved, but, most importantly, it excites interest in this way of fund raising.

"Rubbish Tips" which runs for 11 minutes, is available on free loan together with a copy of "A Guide to Waste Collection" from the Central Film Library Bromyard Avenue Acton London W3 7JB. Tel. 743-5555.

VOLUNTEERS

'Volunteers in the Neighbourhood' is a newssheet produced by the Volunteer Centre and gives news and information about volunteers working in the community. It also features projects which want to be specially mentioned.

The sheet is available from the Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamstead, Herts, HP4 2AB.

"ROUTE CAUSES"

"Route Causes", by John Abbiss and Les Lumsdon is a guide to participation in public transport plans, public consultation, how groups can present their case, and so on.

The book is available for £1.25 plus 10% postage from: Macdonald Evans, Estover Road, Plymouth.

BENEFITS FOR DISABLED

Recent research in just one group of disabled people showed that 80% were failing to claim the benefits and allowances to which they were entitled.

The National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has produced a leaflet describing the pensions and allowances available. It urges the handicapped and the parents of handicapped children to claim them.

The leaflet, 'Please help handicapped people to claim their benefits and services', can be obtained from NSMHC, 117 Golden Lane, EC1.

CRECHE FOR VOL ORGS

Springboard Southwark are hoping to set up a nursery to provide child-care facilities for children aged 2½ to 5 years. They have funding, through the Manpower Service Commission, to set up such a project staffed by five young people between 16 and 19 plus a supervisor.

If your organisation or its workers could benefit from this project, if you know any suitable premises in Southwark, or feel you can help in any way, phone Liz Hannah on 261 9283.

MSC NEWS

"The MSC Strategy for London" is a Discussion Document published by the London Region Manpower Services Board, and is available from Graham Thompson, MSC Employment Services Division, Tavis House, Tavistock Sq. London WC1, 430-8250.

Unfortunately, the document does not seem to have been widely circulated. It maintains a curious mixture of complacency about the numbers of people who have been employed through MSC schemes and wishful thinking in the face of drastic reductions of services through cuts and rising unemployment.

In Southwark

A more realistic assessment of existing levels of service can be seen in figures recently produced by Southwark Council. Their Quarterly Monitoring Report shows 2021 people in the STEP target group 583 16-24 year olds and 1438 of 25 or over. Current STEP provision in Southwark is 150 places with a further 88 places in the Young Vic scheme (which is in Lambeth but serves adjoining boroughs) and London Union of Youth Clubs (based in Southwark but London wide).

Over 450 16-18 year olds are eligible for YOP places against 133 places on work experience schemes and 79 work preparation schemes.

Operational Plan

The MSC claims that it is committed to making efficient use of its resources rather than looking for early numerical increases.

The London Region Operational Plan puts this commitment in doubt. Among other things it calls for an extra 1000 Work Experience on Employers' Premises places, despite the

fact that 1000 existing places have never been filled.

Since WEEP's main function seems to be to provide cheap labour to super market chains this is hardly progress.

STATUTORY MONEY

NCSS has published "Sources of Statutory Money: a guide for Voluntary Organisations" (95p or £1.10p by post from Macdonald and Evans Distribution Services Estover Rd. Plymouth, PL6 7PZ).

It draws together information about the availability of grants to voluntary organisations, and NCSS say it "should prove an invaluable aid to the seeker of statutory funds."

Earth Life City in Surrey Docks?

The architect and backers of a scheme to set up a centre of new and alternative technologies in the Surrey Docks are visiting community groups in the area to explain their proposals. The March meeting of Rotherhithe Forum heard details of the scheme, and a visit to the Downtown TA is planned.

This and 14 other schemes for the Southwark site were unveiled at the Surrey Docks Discussion Forum last month and were exhibited at the Rotherhithe Civic Centre during the last week of March.

A brochure giving details of the schemes is available from the GLC at the Borough Development Dept. Peckham Rd. SE5.

Southwark trades Council have produced a revised version of their "Strategy for the Surrey Docks", which is available from the Secretary c/o 41 Camberwell Grove, SE5.

SITS VAC

The Tabernacle Community Centre ,
Powis Square London W11, 221 5172,
is seeking a temporary director. The
post is offered on a fixed contract for
three months.

Tasks include:

- servicing the management committee
- contacting and liaising with funding agencies

- supervising staff and activities of the centre.

Salary pro rata £6-7000 p.a.
commensurate with experience.

For further information contact
Dave Russell (Secretary) on 221-5172.

AGE CONCERN SOUTHWARK
requires two workers

to join their Bermondsey Elderly
Support Team.

The Team's main aim is to help the
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Tel. 732-2962.

SCVS have Ring Binders to give away.
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90 metal framed chairs at 50p each.
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urban aid

Urban Aid: Circular 20 Results

Seven Southwark projects are to get new Urban Aid grants this year. Among these, the Social Services Department has been given a renewal of the grant from which it funds many of the borough's playgroups. The other successful schemes are:

- * Cambridge House's community work project with the mentally handicapped
- * Charterhouse-in-Southwark's Alternative Education scheme
- * Save the Children's Fund's day care project at the Copleston Centre
- * St Giles' Centre hostel for young women

and two Council sponsored schemes -

- * Juvenile Aid, a scheme sponsored jointly by the Town Clerk's Department and the police
- * Bermondsey Street Industrial Improvement Area.

HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit is preparing a report to mark the end of its first financial year.

The report discusses how the Unit developed its initial programme in order to carry out the aims for which it was set up.

It will also describe the work of the Unit since it opened in September 1979, and the sort of housing problems in Southwark which the Unit is asked to help with.

If you would like a copy when it is printed, ring the Unit on 231 2471.



May 17, 18, 19th

The Bookplace and other local groups are organising a May Book Fair again this year.

It will be from Thursday to Saturday May 15th to 17th at the Camden Estate Tenants' Association Hall, Peckham Road (opposite the junction with Lyndhurst Way).

As well as displays of books and literature of local interest there will also be clowns, jugglers, storytellers, a steel band and poetry readings this year.

So do go along...and there's still time for your group to take a stall or participate in some other way: phone Dick Turner at the Bookplace, 701 1757.

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Jumble

It often happens that groups organise Jumble Sales on the same day - so everyone is chasing the same jumble and the same help.

If you're thinking of organising a sale, why not tell us a few weeks in advance so we can advertise it in the newsletter and also tell you of dates when other groups have already arranged a sale?

FIT FOR WORK

The MSC's "Fit for Work" Campaign was launched recently in South London by retired TGWU General Secretary Jack Jones.

The Campaign will award plaques to firms with a good policy of employing disabled people.

But a number of recent studies show how limited the scheme is in comparison with other countries.

In the USA the large number of disabled war veterans has forced Government to take a much tougher line in ensuring that employers hire disabled people (see the report on the work of Melvyn Kettle of Aston University in Community Care, Feb 7th).

In Poland 30% of disabled people are employed in 430 co-ops. Co-ops for the Disabled is available from the International Labour Office, 87 New Bond St. W1, price £2.50 post free.

The Spastics Society has recently published a study on the 16 work-centres it runs in this country (Industry and Effort, price £6 + p&p from the Spastics Society, 12 Park Crescent, W1).

Council grants 80-81

Social Services committee policy on grant aid to voluntary groups has now been agreed.

Grants are to be fixed at 1979/80 levels. On top of that there will be a maximum inflation allowance of 13% of the total basic grant.

Grants are paid quarterly in most cases, but the payment of supplementary grants within this 13% limit will be made towards the end of the financial year on a written request from the organisation detailing project income and expenditure for the year.

General Purposes and Finance Committee has taken the decision to limit inflation increases to 9% on top of basic grants for the same financial period.

Any problems you have over grant aid should be addressed to Ms Jenny Webb in the Liaison Section of the Social Services Department at Castle House, 703 6363 x 347.

Southwark CHCs' column

HOSPITALS IN SOUTHWARK

St Olave's

At their April meeting the Area Health Authority recognised the importance of restoring in-patient services at St Olave's Hospital, which had been closed by the Commissioners.

However, they have not decided what services should be restored.

Guy's CHC welcomes their recognition that in-patient services should be restored but emphasises that this must be a full range of services previously available.

The Area Health Authority could then begin consultation with local people about the future use of the hospital.

St Giles'

The AHA also stated at their April meeting that no decision had been made about the future use of St Giles' Hospital.

King's CHC is very concerned about the run down of the hospital - in particular the closure or transfer of about a third of the beds.

Services in this hospital must not be allowed to run down further, and any decision about its future use must reflect the needs of the local population.

Gill Lucas, Sec., King's CHC

Library books

Two new publications are now available on loan from the SCVS office:

The Royal Town Planning Institute's "Public Participation: An Issues Report".

"Here Is The Other News", a book from the Minority Press Group which traces the history of the community and local radical press over the last 10 years. It offers an explanation of its growth in the context of political and technological developments and looks at its survival in the face of inadequate finance and poor distribution. It includes contributions from 6 local papers around the country.

"Free" Enterprise Zones

London was included by the Chancellor Sir Geoffrey Howe in the list of sites for 'free' enterprise zones announced in the Budget.

The zones aim to provide a strong incentive for new and expanding private firms - mostly small - to set up business in derelict and decaying inner city sites.

They won't have to pay rates for up to 10 years, they will be exempt from development land tax, capital allowances will be increased to 10% and no corporation tax will be payable for up to 15 years.

By forgoing such tax income the Government hopes that run-down areas will be revitalised and new jobs provided.

But Trades Unionists are not alone in condemning these measures as irrelevant to the real needs of British industry, and likely to lead to low-paid mostly service jobs with poor working conditions. Civil servants in the Department of Industry foresaw considerable dangers in giving open invitations to sharp operators hoping to make money quickly, without any restrictions on the type or number of jobs being provided.

The Isle of Dogs is being considered as a 'free' enterprise zone in London. If it comes about business people just outside the boundary, both in other parts of Docklands and in neighbouring boroughs, are likely to become upset at having to pay taxes while those inside the zone are exempt.

Employment Bill Public Meeting

The Employment Bill currently going through Parliament contains many clauses which eliminate and cut back employment rights won after a long and hard struggle by the labour movement.

Apart from issues such as picketing and the right to strike, the Bill also attacks maternity rights - maternity pay and the right to return to work after maternity leave.

A public meeting covering all aspects of the Bill has been organised by Southwark Trades Council on Thursday May 8th at 7.30 in the Jubilee Hall, Rockingham Estate, Falmouth Rd. SE1.

Come along - this Bill will affect You!

Southwark Site

Because there was a lack of basic comparative information available about the 15 development proposals for the former Trade Mart site in the Surrey Docks, the Employment Unit called a meeting for voluntary organisations to discuss the schemes on 28th March.

The meeting considered the planning background to the proposed development, and compared the numbers and types of jobs which each scheme claimed to provide, the areas devoted to shopping, the traffic implications including car parking spaces etc.

Concern was expressed over the lack of public consultation to determine the views of local people before the marketing exercise was launched in October 1979, and over the short time the exhibition was held at the Rotherhithe Civic Centre. This meant that many local groups had no chance to discuss the proposals before the 8th April deadline for comments.

Development of the site should mainly provide jobs needed by local people, mostly semi-skilled and unskilled, manual, light industrial jobs, the meeting decided. None of the schemes provided a majority of industrial jobs - indeed many of them concentrated on vast office and shopping developments which were not needed in Southwark and would harm existing centres. Already the supermarket, phase 2 shops and the public house planned for the Surrey Docks District Centre are to be omitted from the Operational Programme for 1980 - 1984 "particularly in the light of the bids for the Southwark Site".

The meeting also opposed any scheme which would generate vast amounts of traffic, especially those which depended on the Southern Relief Road. Considering all these points, the meeting felt that none of the schemes adequately met local needs.

The SCVS Executive Committee at its April meeting endorsed all these main points, adding that leisure and amenities on the site should be designed to meet local needs, and not aimed at tourists. These comments were then forwarded to the Docklands Development Organisation.

A background paper on all the schemes is available from the Employment Unit, telephone 703 9730

Docklands Voluntary Sector Lobbies MP's

Representatives from the Voluntary Sector in the five Dockland boroughs met Newham South MP, Nigel Spearing on Wednesday April 10th to discuss the future of the Docklands Urban Programme, threatened by the Urban Development Corporation proposed in the Government's Local Government, Land and Planning No.2 Bill. Also at the lobby were Ian Mikardo (Bethnal Green and Bow) and Ron Leighton (Newham North East).

Nigel Spearing could offer no encouragement about either stopping or substantially amending the bill in committee and spelt out the very wide powers which the bill gave to both the Secretary of State and the future Chairman and Chief Executive of the UDC.

Bob Colenutt of Joint Docklands Action Group pointed out that the Voluntary sector in Docklands was unanimously opposed to the UDC and that more than 60 projects received a total of £1 million a year in grants from the Docklands Urban Aid Programme administered by the Docklands Joint Committee. There was no guarantee that the UDC would continue to honour this commitment. Derek Howard from Newham Voluntary Agencies Council, Pete McDonagh from SCVS, Kate Heron from the Association of Island Communities, Judy Bartlett from Voluntary Action Lewisham and Bob Dean from the Greenwich Docklands Steering Group spelt out the threat posed to organisations in their areas if the Urban Programme was ended.

In Southwark, projects relying on Docklands Urban Aid include the Bermondsey Elderly Support Team, the Surrey Docks Farm, Surry Docks Child Care Project, Bede House Literacy Scheme, Waterside Workshops, Down Town Project, and the Canada Estate Club Room.

Redevelopment of the Southwark site and in Docklands generally is bound to throw up needs for new projects and far more, not less funding. JDAG will be producing a briefing paper on the role of the voluntary sector in Docklands.

The GLC, Jobs and Southwark

What can local authorities do about the exodus of jobs from inner city areas. Find out when Mike Ward, former Wandsworth Councillor and now chairperson of the London Labour Party's Employment and Industry Working Party speaks at the Peckham Settlement, Staffordshire Street, London SE15 on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30p.m.

LOOKING FOR WORK

LOOKING FOR WORK is the title of a recently produced tape-slide show by Blackfriars Photography Project. (It will be released in May) It is to be presented to those about to leave school as well as recent school leavers, ie. It is aimed to distribute it widely round the schools and youth clubs of North Lambeth and North Southwark.

The voices in the tape-slide show are mostly of local young people who have recently left school, or are about to. On the one hand it gives practical advice and information on where to go and who to see as well as some of the choices of work open to them. It also gives their own attitudes and opinions of work - and looking for it - based on their own experiences.

Although aimed at both boy and girl school leavers, part of the tape-slide show is about the attitudes to girls' employment specifically, ie. what are the barriers in the way of girls widening their job opportunities and being able to choose among a greater variety of work.

Thus, in the first instance, the tape-slide show contains a useful source of practical advice for school leavers. It is also hoped to be used to promote discussion among the school leavers themselves, as well as among those giving advice to young people such as career advisors.

For further information contact Barbara Hartley at Blackfriars Photography Project on 928 952=.

Office Jobs - The Future?

What impact will the microprocessor revolution have on the future of the office jobs which have replaced industry in the inner cities? Already many older offices are standing empty and predictions of a 40% cut in office employment are being made.

Stuart Holland, MP for Lambeth Vauxhall will be answering some of these questions at the Borough Community Centre, Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 3rd.

THE FUTURE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SOUTHWARK:

The future pattern of secondary schools in Southwar is to be the subject of a public consultation exercise by the Inner London Education Authority. The views of parents, teachers, school governors, the borough council and other interested bodies are to be sought.

ILEA says that the reason for the review, one of a series being carried out in London boroughs, is the big drop in the number of children entering schools at 11.

No proposals are made for any individual schools at this stage, but the consultative report that ILEA has issued sets out general aims and possible patterns of reorganisation. These include:

a) the retention of all schools (schools would become smaller than at present and some might not be able to provide a full curriculum);

b) a reduced number of schools;

c) a system of federal schools : three or more schools united with two or more sites used by 11-14 year olds and other older pupils.

For 16 -19 year olds there are two main options:

a) a sixth form for every school;

b) a sixth form centre run cooperatively by participating schools: pupils would stay at their own schools but would attend the centre if their school did not provide a particular course.

The timetable for consultation is as follows:

23rd April : Issue of consultative document.

23rd April -
18th July : Period for discussion of consultative document.

18th July: Latest date for submission of comments.

30th September : Officers' recommendations circulated.

28th November: Latest date for submission of comments on those recommendations.

January 1981 : Decisions on recommendations taken by the ILEA Development Sub Committee.

Copies of the consultative document are available for parents and other interested bodies from ILEA Divisional Office, 28 Camden Square, SE15, Tel: 705 0855.

It may be worth noting that similar reviews were carried out in a number of other boroughs last year, and in all cases resulted in the closure of some schools. ILEA proposals are based in part on

statistics indicating a massive decrease in the school population in the next few years. The All London Campaign Against School Closures argues that the statistics are unreliable and has issued a booklet, 'The Case Against School Closures' which is available from 48 Wandle Road, SW17, for 30p plus 10p postage.

The SCVS Executive Committee plans to discuss the ILEA consultative document at its meeting on June 4th with a view to responding to it. Please let us have your organisation's comments before then if possible. Or if you would like us to arrange a special meeting on the subject for member organisations and others, contact Sharon Collins at the SCVS office, 703 9730.

Carnival of Education

Second Southwark Carnival of Education to be held this summer following the success of last year's event.

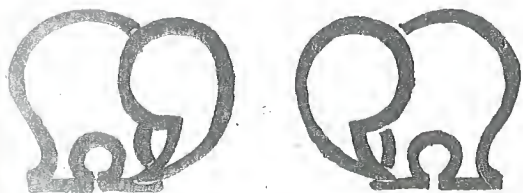
Carnival aims to display the many different aspects of education as it affects the various age groups in the community.

This year some 70 schools, colleges, craft groups, local groups and projects took

If your organisation would like to join in for this year's event, contact Mrs Chester at Morley College on 928 8501.

Carnival is to be held on Saturday 14th, probably in the afternoon or early evening, at Hope Sufferance Park near the Rotherhithe Workshops, St Marychurch St. SE16.

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SPECIAL RATES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Dulux Community Project

Dulux is giving away £25,000 worth of paint to voluntary and action groups, charities, schools and clubs which are doing painting projects for the community.

For all details and application forms from:
Fleur Edwards, Scheme Co-Ordinator,
Dulux Community Projects
Welbeck Ltd. 84 Baker St. W1
Tel 486 8561.

Bottle Fair

The 9th South London Bottle Fair is to be held on Saturday May 17th at Ashburnham Primary School, Blantyre St. SW10 (off King's Road Chelsea).

All kinds of antique and old bottles on sale - Victorian ink bottles, old pop bottles etc. Refreshments; admission 10p., children 5p.

If you want to book a stall contact S.E. Metcalf, 75 Overstrand Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, SW11 tel. 622 7167 (after 8 pm.). £4 for a 6 ft. stall.

Young help old

Springboard Southwark has joined with Age Concern Southwark to provide a team of young workers to help pensioners in the borough.

The team is five previously unemployed young people between 16 and 19, headed by Bob Drinkwater. They will tackle jobs pensioners find hard to manage themselves - gardening, small repairs, etc.

The Team will be paid through the Manpower Services Commission. Like all such schemes, they will only do work which would not normally be done by any other agency.

Eileen McNally, General Secretary of Age Concern Southwark, said, "The team would provide a much-needed service - and it is encouraging to know that young people are getting work experience and helping the elderly within their community at the same time".

Referrals for work are now being taken. Anyone who needs the service should contact Age Concern Southwark, 33 Peckham Rd SE5, tel. 703 6105/6.

Skills TakeAway

A national weekend of practical workshops - *masks*photography*woodwork*screen printing* *puppetry*inflatables*clown skills* *kites*alternative games*outdoor cooking* - sponsored by Fair Play for Children on July 4th, 5th and 6th at the National Playing Fields Association and Windmill House, Birmingham.

Write for an application form now to Fair Play for Children, 248 Kentish Town Rd. NW5, tel. 485 0809, or get more details from Janet Dalglish at the Leisure Centre, Camberwell.

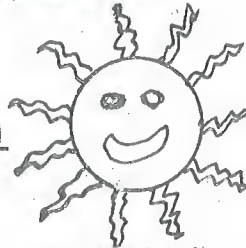
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COMMUNITY WORKER

SUMMER WORK WITH INTERACTION



Inter-Action runs summer programmes which provide theoretical and practical training in community arts and action.

The majority of their summer workers are in their early 20's, but they come from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests.

All that's needed is enthusiasm and an interest in working with children.

For further details contact Catherine Smith or Mike Jenn at Inter-Action, 485 0881 or 267 9421 .

In return for their work, say Inter-Action, the summer workers "have a challenging, exciting and valuable summer".

WITH THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED & their families. The project creates community resources for families with mentally handicapped members in Southwark, such as play schemes, clubs, parents' groups, volunteers & a newsletter.

The person appointed is the only fulltime worker and so must be able to work with the families and groups which manage each activity. S/he will be able to work on his/her own initiative and will have a background of community, social or education work and an interest in mental handicap.

The appointment is for 1 year in the first instance. Salary AP3-5.

Details and application form from Colin Rochester, Cambridge House & Talbot, 131 Camberwell Road SE5, 703 5025.

To discuss the post contact the present worker, Stan Young, at the same number.



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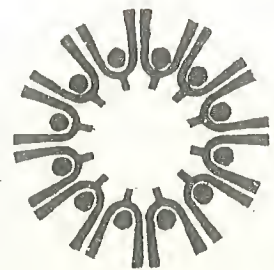
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NEW C.H.C. REPS

The elections for voluntary organisations' representatives on the King's and Guy's CHC have recently taken place. Here are the lists of people who will serve on the Councils from September onwards, together with the nominating organisation.

King's

Khalid Sharif - Southwark Council for
Community Relations

Carole Myer - Association for Improvements
in Maternity Services

Doreen Drew - Vassall Neighbourhood Council

Olive Payne - Southwark Society for Mentally
Handicapped Children

Adrian Speller - SE London Consortium

Guy's

Louise Malcolm - Southwark Council
for Community Relations

T. Renall - Age Concern Lewisham

Juliet Vernon - Southwark Society for
Mentally Handicapped
Children and Adults

Jeanne Howes - SE London Consortium

Richard Kay - Voluntary Action Lewisham

CHC wants you

Guy's District Community Health Council invites you to a Public Meeting to discuss the future of St. Olave's Hospital in the Old Assembly Hall, Neptune St. on 5th June at 7.30. For more information and a copy of the draft proposals ring Studies Library 403 3012.

ILEA carve-up

NUPE is holding a meeting of all individuals and organisations concerned about the future of secondary schools in Southwark.

On the one hand, the ILEA has issued consultative documents on future provision taking account of the fallen school rolls. On the other, there is pressure from various sources in the Conservative Party to break up the ILEA itself.

NUPE feels that community groups within the Borough, together with the trade unions and political groups, ought to get involved. The meeting is on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30p.m. at Walworth Upper School, Shorncliffe Road.



JUMBLE SALE

There's going to be a jumble sale at Livesey Old People's Home, Hillbeck Close, Old Kent Road, SE15, on June 14th at 2.30 p.m.

Admission 5p. Proceeds go to the Home.

John Harvard Library
211 Borough High Street
London SE1 1HA

Training guide

The SCVS office has a guide to training courses run by voluntary organisations in summer and autumn 1980.

Its called VORTEX (Voluntary Organisations Register of Training Exercises!) and the courses listed are sponsored by organisations as various as Age Concern, the Family Planning Association, the Industrial Society and the Volunteer Centre.

Please give us a call if you want to consult it.

ASIAN ACTION

An 'Asian Community Action Group' has been set up to do casework, advice work, counselling and Community development with the Asian Community in Lambeth.

The project is being funded by Lambeth Council through the Inner City Partnership Programme.

It runs daily sessions at its premises at 15 Bedford Road SW4 (opp. Clapham North tube station) telephone 733 7494.

LONDON'S FUTURE

'Greater London in the 1980's' is the title of a major conference to be held on June 12th at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place London W1.

It will cover key issues about living, working and having pleasure in the city, and speakers include Government Minister Geoffrey Finsberg.

The Conference costs £4.60 per person to attend, including buffet lunch and applications close on June 6th. Contact: Sally Millar at the RIBA, telephone 580 5533 ext 235/264.

VOLUNTEER BUREAU

The Voluntary Workers Bureau at SCVS is updating its system of recording volunteer opportunities. If you need a volunteer to help you, contact Amy Wallis on 701 3816 who will send you all the necessary information.

LOW PAY

SCVS and ACTSS had a joint meeting to discuss the problems of low pay in the voluntary sector. ACTSS has now arranged a meeting with the council to discuss future funding arrangements, which will take place during the next month.

For more information contact Mick Greenwood at the Southwark Law Project, Tel. 693 061

WHO'S WHO

Southwark has issued a very useful guide to who does what in the Council and how to contact them.

Called the LinkLine Index it gives an alphabetical listing of hundreds of services from 'Abandoned Cars' to 'Youth Librarian', the relevant officer's name, their phone number and extension.

We have copies available if you'd like one - and they're free.

The Index is being given a trial run at present and the Council is keen for users to tell it of any problems, errors or omissions.

TV telethon

In October Thames TV will be presenting the 'first ever British Telethon' - a 24 hour "event" to raise money for a specially formed charity, the Thames 'Help' Trust. This will be responsible for giving funds to children's charities and projects in specified priority areas.

The Telethon will be transmitted live from the Wembley Conference Centre and will feature celebrities from many walks of life, zany events, stunts and competitions.... all designed to get viewers to pledge money as has been very successfully done in other countries.

Thames will be doing a major publicity drive for the event and invites voluntary groups in London and the South East to join it in raising money, and to mount their own fundraising events. The most imaginative will feature on the Telethon.

For more details contact Zanne Findlay at Thames TV on 388 5199.

Southwark ACTSS on unemployment

In response to a TUC circular trade unions in Southwark are taking a look at the question of unemployment in order to develop a response to the needs of the unemployed.

Southwark ACTSS - the voluntary sector union - has developed a four point plan:

1) calling on the TGWU of which ACTSS is part, to encourage local branches to circulate information on vacancies in their particular industries.

2) calling on the TUC to encourage union membership amongst STEP and YOP workers and pressurising the MSC to pay realistic wages.

3) Trade union nominees on industrial and supplementary benefit tribunals should be selected to form a more representative cross-section of the membership than at present.

4) Bearing in mind the link between cuts and unemployment the TUC should actively support and participate in the setting up of local cuts campaigns.

TGWU/ACTSS members in Southwark may remain in union membership when unemployed at the reduced rate of 8p a week. Members becoming unemployed should notify the Branch Secretary to redirect notice of meetings from workplace to home.

Practical Action

Practical Action, the MSC-funded appeal launched last year by the Lord Mayor of London in conjunction with the National Association of Youth Clubs in order to ease youth unemployment, is to be extended to the end of this year. Practical Action appeals to the private sector for skill, manpower, expertise and equipment that can be made available to provide jobs for the young unemployed, particularly those that form part of YOP the Youth Opportunities Programme.

Practical Action is based at Victoria Chambers, 16-20 Strutton Ground, London SW 1P 2HP. Tel 01-222-2137.

Shopping list for Southwark Site

The four schemes provisionally short-listed for the Southwark site by the GLC-Southwark Working Party are as follows:

- * Lysander Estates - shopping (538 sq. ft) industry, trade centre, and offices with a monorail service to Wapping as a special feature.
- * Bredero Consulting Ltd. 1- Dutch firm whose scheme includes a Sainsbury's/British Home Stores SAVA Centre superstore as part of 333 sq. ft of shopping and over 1 million sq. ft. of office space.
- * MAB.Holdings - another Dutch firm whose proposals include 744,000 of shopping and 835,000 sq. ft Trade Centre, a hotel and offices. The special feature is a canal system with waterbuses - a 'Little Holland'.
- * Associated Dairies (ASDA) - 150,000 sq. ft. of shopping - a hypermarket - industry on 100,000 sq. ft and half the entire site taken up with a 'Theme/Park and Hotel and commerce and offices.

It has been suggested that the ASDA proposals could be supplemented with aspects of other schemes such as the 'high technology' Southwark Quays scheme or the ecologically-conscious Earthlife City scheme.

The concentration on schemes with a large shopping content runs counter to the expressed wishes of local people that services should be geared to local needs. It could have serious detrimental effects on existing shopping centres in Peckham and Lewisham.

This shortlist is only the recommendations of Southwark/GLC Officers. The final Member-level decision has not yet been made.

Trades Council

Southwark Trades Council have set up a Working Party on Unemployment who have met twice and are looking at what response the Trades Council can make on the issue. They can be contacted c/o The Secretary, 41, Camberwell Grove, SE5

Employment Report

JUNE 1980

EMPLOYMENT BILL: RIGHTS AT RISK

The Bill which was published last December and recently completed all its stages in the House of Commons is claimed by James Prior, Employment Secretary, to 'bring back some commonsense into industrial relations and give people proper protection where it is needed'. In fact it weakens, threatens or abolishes a wide range of basic employment rights. Those rights have been fought for and won by the trade unions and labour movement over the years - now they are under attack by the Tory government.

The 16 clauses of the Bill range from attacks on rights relating to unfair dismissal to repeal of the Fair Wage legislation.

MATERNITY RIGHTS

It is clauses 10 and 11 which are the most blatant attacks on individual employment rights. Their effect will be to exempt firms with less than 5 employees from having to offer a woman her job back after maternity leave, if the employer deems it 'not reasonably practical'.

All other employers will only have to offer such a woman a job 'not substantially less favourable' than her previous one. All women seeking to return to work after having a baby are now required to give notice of such an intention on three different occasions if her employer requires it. The effect of these

of these clauses will undoubtedly mean that many women will effectively lose the right to their job back after maternity leave.

Unfair dismissal protection was on considerably weakened last year by the government - the new Bill will now finally remove the burden of proof on employers to show that a dismissal was fair, as well as abolishing the protection altogether for workers in many small firms. New firms with less than 20 workers will be exempt for 2 years from any requirements with respect to dismissal.

Apart from the above changes in individual rights, the Bill will effect many rights which offer employment protection to groups of workers. Foremost among these will be alterations to the laws on picketing. In future, workers will only be protected from civil proceedings for damages if they themselves are in dispute (or are a trade union official supporting such workers) and are picketing at their own place of work. All other picketing would be illegal.

Secondly, trade union immunity against civil proceedings arising out of industrial action will be drastically reduced for the courts will be dragged back into industrial relations with new powers to decide both the motives and likely effect of industrial action. It will mean a major weakening of the power and effectiveness of trade unions.

Trade union membership, closed shop agreements, secret ballots and trade union recognition are covered by the remaining clauses of the Bill, which will substantially erode the rights won by trade union - these areas

All in all, the Bill is the biggest attack on workers and trade unions since the 1971 Industrial Relations Act - and the Tories have already promised further anti-union legislation.

Unit lives on!

On Tuesday 13th May the London Area Board of the MSC voted to renew funding for the SCVS Employment Unit for another year. This means that Pete McDonagh will stay on as a key worker for another year while Geoff Bender and Sarayu Shah will complete their 52 weeks and be replaced by two new workers in July and August respectively.

Organisations contemplating or already carrying out work on employment who feel that the SCVS Employment Unit might be able to assist them should get in touch so that their needs can be incorporated in plans for the Unit's work in the coming year.

FREE HELP

The Central London Branch of the British Institute of Management runs a free business consultancy service for local councils, voluntary and community projects and all other non profit-making organisations.

The skills offered range from general management, feasibility studies, finance and planning. Members will also undertake legal, accounting and company secretarial practice responsibilities and public relations but they cannot help with fund-raising. Permanent officers and help are not provided; the object is to solve particular problems. However, advertisements can be placed the BIM Central London Branch Newsletter to try and fill any permanent voluntary position.

If you think your organisation could use the services of In Business for the Community contact the Chairman, Arthur Brill, at 2 Tudor Close, Belsize Avenue, London NW3. Tel. 986 5522 (daytime)

(Source: NCVO News/April/80)

BANK BOYCOTT

SCVS will move its bank account away from Barclay's Bank, it was decided at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

The motion proposing the move had been tabled by the Advice Centre in the Blue.

Over the last 3 years an international boycott of Barclays - led in Britain by the Anti-Apartheid Movement - has resulted in many organisations moving their accounts.

The issue of "disinvestment" in companies heavily involved in South Africa has also been increasingly raised.

Barclays Bank is not only South Africa's largest, but also takes a leading financial role in the South African's Government's military and "self-sufficiency" operations. A recent report by a U.N. agency has highlighted the importance of the Bank to the country's increasingly embattled regime.

Walworth plan

The Borough Development Department has issued a discussion paper on the future of the Walworth Road area. The paper outlines some draft policies, proposals and opportunities to tackle the problems and issues of the area.

The Department is keen to get comments from interested people and organisations by the end of June.

If you want a copy of the paper contact Harry Barlow of the Planning Division Tel. 703 6311 ext. 321

A.C.W.-A.G.M.

The 1980 Conference and AGM of the Association of Community Workers will have as its theme "Community Work Under Threat?"

The ominous title reflects the sense of insecurity felt by many voluntary organisations at present.

The Conference will be held on 19th-21st September in Birmingham. Details from SCVS or from Ina Clason, 021-472 2708 or 021-472 0417. Closing date for return of bookings is 30th June.

work needed

The Castle Day Centre needs light industrial work to occupy its clients - assembling, packing etc. If you've got any work, or any ideas about where they might get it, contact the Supervisor, Mrs. Atherton, on 703 4596.

Education Carnival

Just a reminder about the 2nd Southwark Carnival of Education that we wrote about in last month's Newsletter.

It is being held on Saturday June 14th at Hope Sufferance Wharf (near the Rotherhithe workshops), 61 St. Mary-church Street, from 11am - 4.30pm.

swap shop

Kate Davis of 240a Clapham Road London SW9
Tel. 735 6192 has two desks and three
typists chairs to dispose of in return for
a small donation.

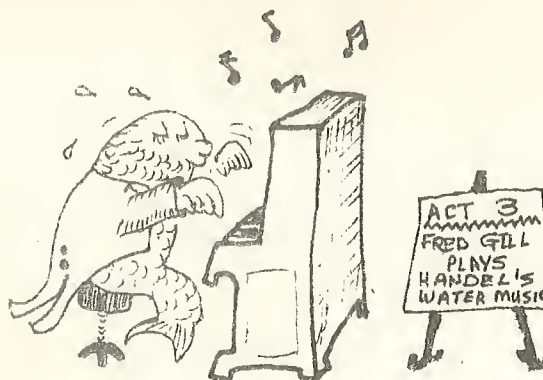
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Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre,
Copleston Road SE15 Tel. 639 6447
needs TOYS.

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Springboard Southwark, Treas House,
Stamford St. SE1 needs carpets, ru
any kind of floor covering in re
two newish electric kettles.

The Matron of the Old People's Home
'Corbet' Wyndham Road Camberwell SE5
urgently needs a piano and an
aquarium. Any offers?



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STUD VAC

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SCVS needs a fieldworker to help develop
the services of voluntary organisations
in the borough.

We are looking for someone with experience
in the kinds of services provided by
the voluntary sector - eg welfare rights,
children's play - and awareness of the
kinds of issues with which it is involved
- eg unemployment, anti-racism, local
planning matters.

Salary: Local Authority pay scale AP4.

For details contact Gillie Sharp on
703 9730.

Community groups in Waterloo urgently
require an experienced worker to join
the team at Waterloo Action Centre, a
well established neighbourhood project.

Salary negotiable, 6 weeks holiday p.a.

For job description contact Jenni, Elaine
or Fred, 14 Baylis Road London SE1.
Closing date: 6th June



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HAYS WHARF GIANT OFFICE BID

A mammoth 31-storey office block is the centre point of development plans submitted by the Proprietors of Hay's Wharf for the 25-acre riverside site in North Southwark between London & Tower bridges. It forms only part of the total 2 million sq. ft. of office space which comprises nearly 80% of the proposed redevelopment.

Probably the largest single property redevelopment ever attempted in central London, it would mean the equivalent of 14 Centre Points in an area which has been subject to speculative office development for a decade. London Bridge House, a huge office block, stood empty for years as a gaunt symbol of the results of such development, while historic Borough High Street has been transformed into a ribbon of offices.

Warehouses, leisure facilities, flats, shops, and some light industry make up the remaining fifth of the total redevelopment space. Also incorporated are existing and planned new developments such as the private hospital at Chamberlain's Wharf, the new Crown Court building at Wilson's Wharf, St. Olave's cold store and Datasafe House, an 8-storey document store.

Hay's Wharf claim that about 6,000 jobs would be involved. Most of these would be office jobs, of course, with very few industrial jobs to replace the severe loss of manufacturing jobs in Southwark during the past 15 years. Only a tiny 1.6% (40,000 sq. ft.) of the space is devoted to light industry. Four times as much space is for warehouses, while some employment will be provided by a few shops, a pub, a cafe and a small museum.

The battle for Coin Street united community groups in Southwark in opposition to

more offices - now Hay's Wharf plan 1½ times more office space than the huge Greycoats Estates scheme!

Already local groups, including the North Southwark Community Development Group, are up in arms over the latest proposals which do little to satisfy their demands for family housing, industrial jobs and open space for the local community. Only 318 people would be housed by the current plans for 140 flats, most of the open space is a 5-acre adjunct to an open-air theatre, and the riverside walk is aimed at tourists.

Many local people and groups will be surprised to learn that the public consultation process is already over: a model and plans were on display for a total of 2 weeks in North Southwark, until 14th June. The deadline for comments to the Borough Development Dept. has been extended to 5th July. Local groups are calling for a public enquiry as the only way of airing the issues involved.

For more info. contact NSCDG - 928 6476

SCVS SUBS UP

SCVS Executive has regretfully decided to increase the membership sub to £5 p.a. The Newsletter will, however, be distributed free, as, indeed it has always been to affiliated members.

Please let us know if you require extra copies.

URBAN AID DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Docklands Joint Committee has extended the deadline to mid August for Urban Aid applications, but because of the need for Members to consider the applications, the Town Hall deadline has to be Monday 14th July at the latest.

Any queries, ring Frances Pidgeon, 703 6311, ext. 116.

ILEA CONSULTS ON ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Consultative Committee is the body through which ILEA consults people at local level about its policy proposals and developments in the field of adult education.

SCVS is one of the organisations represented on the Committee, and until recently our representatives have been Peter Hudson of Blackfriars Settlement and Mrs. Fish of the WRVS.

Mrs. Fish is now moving out of the Borough, and has therefore resigned. So we are looking for someone to replace her. The SCVS Executive Committee will be considering nominations at its meeting on July 21st, so if someone from your organisation would be interested, please phone Sharon Collins before then, 703 9730. If you would like to talk further about what is involved, contact Peter Hudson at Blackfriars Settlement, 928 9521.

LBS COMMITTEE LIST

There is now a new list of Councillors and the committees to which they belong. There is a copy at SCVS for anyone who wants to look at it.

CHC NEWS

Very soon, Guy's and King's District Community Health Councils will be welcoming some new representatives of the voluntary bodies in Southwark and North Lewisham to the respective Councils.

Those representatives whilst nominated by their own voluntary body are not there as representatives only of that organisation but of the voluntary bodies as a whole. They will bring with them valuable knowledge and expertise in their own fields but will learn to represent the wider interest over the whole range of primary and acute health care throughout the Districts.

For some time now, we have been trying to set up a forum for the voluntary body members of the CHCs to report back to the wider voluntary body sector, and in conjunction with the SCVS we are setting up a meeting to enable those members to do just that.

So please make a note in your diary of the first of these meetings which will be held at Cambridge House on 23rd October at 6.30p.m. (don't say you weren't warned!) and watch this column for further news from your CHCs.

GAY AUTHORS WORKSHOP

is a group of gay writers - men and women - who write fiction, poetry, skits and sketches, humorous and serious, some explicitly gay, some not.

They offer readings of their own work to gay groups in London.

The length of their programme can be arranged to fit a group's requirements, and they welcome discussion and questions after the reading.

There's no set fee, but they would be grateful for a contribution of around £5 - which will go towards the cost of publishing the Workshop's first anthology later this year.

Contact: Michael Harth, 471 7040

MEDICAL NEEDS AND REHOUSING

Southwark Council has been considering changes in their methods of assessing medical aspects of housing need for some months.

The chief difficulty has been to devise a system in which those with serious medical reasons for rehousing can be housed quickly, without distorting the whole allocation system.

SCVS Housing Interest Group has made suggestions and more recently attended a meeting of the Council's Policy Group, which was considering the latest recommendations on Medical Needs.

The Policy Group decided that there should be further consideration of medical factors which specifically affect Council's duties towards homeless people under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act; and ways of improving liaison between those dealing with different aspects of Medical Need in housing.

The Group also agreed that Housing Interest Group should be invited for suggestions on both these topics.

At least as important, the Policy Group accepted the proposal (originally HIG's) that the whole transfer system in Southwark should be re-examined so as to improve mobility for Southwark's tenants.

VAT GUIDE

SCVS has a copy of the "Charities' Secondary Guide to Value Added Tax" (revised in January 1980).

It is published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, who have already provided a "Primary Guide". The Primary Guide aimed to help charities and other non-profit-making bodies to decide whether they have to register for VAT.

The Secondary Guide is for those charities etc. that have already registered and nothing in it applies to those that have not.

It's 23 pages long, and can be read at SCVS, or ordered from NCVO at 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.

THE PHYLLIS TRUST

This is a new charity set up for "the promotion of education and relief of poverty among needy children in any part of the world"

Initially it is looking for relatively small projects, possibly ones affected by the cuts - later it hopes to be able to consider larger projects.

Contact: Nigel Collins, Secretary,
32 Dover Street,
London W1A 2AP
Telephone 499 0972

LAWYERS AND LEGACIES

The Law Society's Gazette's Charity and Appeals Supplement is sent to 35000 solicitors each year.

This carries advertisements for large numbers of Charities, and its target is primarily the massive legacy market. In 1979 legacies accounted for £205 million out of a national income from voluntary organisations of £889m. This proportion is constantly rising.

Most donors consult their solicitor before deciding on a particular legacy, so the Supplement is a frequent source of reference. Some solicitors also administer trusts with money to give, and some make charitable donations themselves.

Now the snags:

First, legacies are deferred gifts. Organisations in Southwark wanting to raise this year's rent money should look elsewhere.

Secondly, paying for an entry. Costs range from £21 for a name-and-address entry to £480 for a page and 700 words of editorial description.

The deadline for entries for the 1981 Supplement is the end of July. If you want to see a copy of the 79/80 edition, SCVS has one - and so does any solicitor.

Further details from:

Margaret Winfield
Law Society's Gazette
113 Chancery Lane
London WC2A 1PL
Tel. 242 1222

JUMBLE SALE

Southwark Conservative Association is holding a jumble sale on Saturday 9th August at Havill Hall, Havill St. (nr. Town Hall), at 2.30p.m. Entrance fee will be 3p.

COPE WITH CADETS?

22 officer cadets from Sandhurst need a voluntary work placement in or around London during the long weekend of Friday 3rd - Monday 6th October.

They can provide their own food, accommodation and transport. If you know of a project which could use this large group of approximately 18 - 24 year olds, contact:

Captain I.B.W. Chant-Sempill, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey. Telephone Camberley 63344 x480.

SIT VAC

SCVS will have a vacancy in the Employment Unit after the middle of July. We are looking for an employment worker to help voluntary organisations in Southwark in their fight against unemployment.

Salary: £71p.w.. review imminent. Applicants for this STEP-funded project must be over 19 and registered unemployed for at least 6 months (12 months if over 25 years old)

SWAP SHOP

SCVS has a fridge in working order, free to anyone who will collect.

Call SCVS, 703 9730, for more information.

WORK FACT BANK

The Work Fact Bank is a companion to the Neighbourhood Fact Bank produced last year.

It consists of a brightly coloured box containing index cards with a wide range of information on employment, including applying for jobs, rights at work, social security benefits and setting up your own firm on a shoe-string.

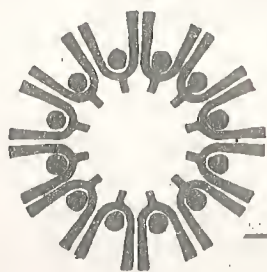
It is published by Inter-Action Imprint, 15 Wilkin Street, London NW3 3NG (£3.80 + £1.20 p+p).

COMMUNITY JOBS

Can We Make Jobs? is the title of a series of six radio programmes describing initiatives taken by local groups throughout Britain to set up small community enterprises, to provide jobs or funds for local projects.

Sunday 15th June - 20th July 4.30 - 5pm
Radio 4 VHF. Repeated Tuesdays 29th July - 2nd September 9.05 - 9.30pm.
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VOL. ORGS.

From time to time, we hear people saying "voluntary organisations should be voluntary", meaning that if an organisation employs paid workers it can no longer be considered part of the 'voluntary' sector'.

So perhaps it's worth explaining once in a while that although many 'voluntary' organisations are run exclusively by volunteers, many others are not. In this context, the word voluntary refers to the independent and non statutory nature of the organisation: it means that it is not run by the Council or the Government. It also means that the Committee or other body managing the organisation does not do so for financial reward. It by no means necessarily implies that the organisation employs no workers.

Over the years we have moved, in Southwark as in most parts of the country, to a situation where the provision of crucial community services is shared between the voluntary and statutory sectors. Voluntary bodies are no longer an optional supplement to local authority services (if indeed they ever were) - they are often an important and integral part of the borough's provision.

Among the wide range of services now provided by the voluntary sector some demand time commitment and a level of professionalism that can only be provided by paid workers. Locally, for example the voluntary sector is the major provider of refuge accommodation for battered women and of services for people with alcoholism problems. Services of this kind simply cannot be run exclusively by volunteers however committed.

urban aid

We still do not know for sure that the DoE will issue an Urban Aid circular but the indications are that they will, so most people are planning ahead on that basis.

Through last year's "Wolfenden" Conference voluntary organisations asked for more participation in local decisions about Urban Aid priorities. A lot of organisations wanted each applicant project to be able to talk individually to the Council's decision making committee, but the Council has refused this request on the grounds that it is impracticable. SCVS has however, been able to negotiate some input from voluntary organisations collectively.

When the circular comes out this year therefore we shall be calling a meeting for interested people from the voluntary sector to decide what the criteria for selecting projects should be, and to choose a small group of people to represent their interests in discussions with the local authority. This small group will make preliminary suggestions about which projects should be given priority, and will report back to another meeting of all the interested organisations before putting views forward to the Council.

Because as usual, the time scale for all this is likely to be very tight, it would be helpful if organisations could start thinking now about whether they wish to attend these meetings and about whether there are groups they know of who should be invited but may not be part of the SCVS network. If so, please let us know.

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URBAN AID cont/d

Also, now is the time to start work on applications if your organisation plans to submit a project. Remember, too, that smaller organisations and groups sometimes either don't know that they can apply for urban aid or don't give themselves enough time to prepare an application properly. If you are in touch with

people in your area to whom this may apply talk to them now.

SCVS will be holding an 'Urban Aid' Surgery' again this year to help people preparing applications: dates and details will be announced as soon as the circular is issued.

CYCLING MONEY

Local community papers SE1 and Walworth in Print, are planning a sponsored bike-ride to Brighton in September. A similar event last year raised nearly £1,000 and provided about 50 people with a very enjoyable day out.

The ride will follow the very pleasant route to Brighton planned by friends of the Earth, and there will be regular stops for sandwiches and other refreshments (provided by the organisers).

If you would like to take part you can get sponsorship forms and further details from the SCVS office.

library

We have received from the chairperson of the Southwark Peckham Conservative Association a memorandum prepared by Councillor Eckersley on Southwark Council's cuts in public expenditure. A copy is available on loan from the SCVS office.

"Outside the State" by Stephen Hatch is a comparative study of voluntary organisations in 3 English towns describing and appraising what the voluntary sector is and what it does. It examines the organisations themselves their current growth the work they do and their roles in relation to the services provided by the government. A copy is available on loan from the SCVS office.

samh

Southwark Association for Mental Health will be holding their 10th Annual Fete on Saturday September 13th at 2.00 p.m. in the grounds of the Maudsley Hospital. This attractive event netted almost £3,000 last year for mental health and mental handicap projects in the Borough.

The Association's own Befriending Scheme continues to flourish with upwards of 40 men and women in touch with, or prepared to help the lonely and isolated. Supply is never adequate to the demand from social workers and psychiatric staff. So once again the Association is appealing for befrienders and holding an interesting preparatory course at the Institute of Psychiatry starting on October 8th. Details from Julia Birley, Voluntary Help Organiser, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX - or ring 777 6611 (day) or 693 2600 (eve).

ENERGY

"Neighbourhood Energy Programmes" is a special one day conference sponsored by the Councils of Newcastle upon Tyne and Tyne and Wear. It follows the publication of a strategic report by the Coordinator of the Newcastle Energy Advice Unit. "Energy - A Programme for the Inner City".

The conference which takes place on Saturday 13th September at Newcastle Civic Centre, will 'set out the opportunities available to support local communities tackling today's problems of unemployment and an energy expensive economy in their own streets, neighbourhoods towns and cities.'

Talks will be given by British and American speakers and there will be group workshops in the afternoon.

A £6 fee (honest!) covers background papers, the conference itself, coffee lunch with wine and other refreshments.

Booking form and prospectus from:

David Green, Energy Advice Unit,
81 Jesmond Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE2 1NH or ring the organisers on
0632 810130/813336 x 11 or 12.

WORKSHOP FOR RECYCLING DOMESTIC GOODS

People in Peckham are interested in exploring the possibilities for setting up some form of workshop for recycling domestic goods - electrical, furniture, etc.

The ideas floating at the moment include a small commercial co-operative or a grant-aided group to provide skills and tools to customers to repair their own equipment. But any variation on this will be considered.

The workshop could provide useful and interesting employment and training to retired and unemployed people of any age. It would also help to stop some of the terrible waste in consumer goods, and pass on skills to anyone interested. There are plenty of empty buildings in Peckham which would provide suitable premises.

So what we need are people with ideas and enthusiasm to get in touch with us. If you are interested please contact :-

Eileen Conn (639 1591 evenings) or Adam Harvey (639 7653 day)
(582 5638 evenings)

or write or call in to :- Peckham Action Group Centre
8, Peckham High Street,
London SE15.

(Open Saturdays 11am.-2pm.)

COMMUNITY ENTREPRENEURS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

There are still some places left on this course starting in September. It is aimed at people involved in co-operatives, workshops, self-help groups, and other forms of community-based employment initiatives ; at people who are setting up, running, or helping others to run ('facilitators'), enterprises producing goods or services for sale, but whose objectives are primarily social rather than economic. (By 'social objectives' is meant provision of jobs or training opportunities, democratic management, socially-useful production, etc.)

The course will help people to learn basic economic skills, of marketing, of carrying out feasibility studies,,of organisation of production, of accountancy, etc., etc.

It is organised by the London Voluntary Service Council, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, South West London College and the Commission for Racial Equality.

It will take the form of an introductory day in Sept., a residential week in Oct., ten 1-day workshops from Nov. to Jan., visits from tutors, and a final 3-day residential session next March.

Cost :- £50 inclusive. Contact :- Ced Jackson, Community Work Service, London Voluntary Service Council, 68, Chalton St., NW1.
Tel. 388 0241



«US GIRLS»

The Albany Youth Theatre's acclaimed stage production "Us Girls" has now been redramatised on video tape. It presents situations in the lives of five girls and touches on many issues which can be followed in discussion: parental restrictions specific to girls, looking after young children, jobs, attitudes to sex, competitiveness, and others.

The tape is 30 minutes long, divided into five main sections especially for stop/start in discussion. Notes are available with the tape. Hire price is normally £10 but there's a sliding scale for groups unable to afford that much.

Copies are available for sale (price negotiable) and come on Umatic, VHS, Philips 1500, $\frac{1}{2}$ " high density.

For orders and more information contact Albany Video Project, Creek Road Deptford SE8. 692 0231 x 23 or Lewisham Resource for Work with Young Women, same address and phone but x 35.

CITIZENSHIP

Recent and proposed Immigration Laws mean that many West Indian born residents in England have lost or will lose their British citizenship.

Southwark Council for Community Relations (SCCR) have a stock of leaflets explaining the rather complicated situation.

People born in the now independent islands: Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados Guyana, Grenada Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent are now only citizens of those islands even though they may still hold an old British passport.

People from islands not yet independent are still British citizens. This may change with the Nationality Bill expected to come before Parliament next year. It will certainly cease to be the case if and when each of those islands becomes independent.

For further information contact H. Alleyne, SCCR, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road SE5 703 8706.

TRAINING

Many voluntary organisations have expressed a need for more appropriate organisational training.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations has recently set up a working party to explore and make recommendations on strategies by which voluntary bodies can be helped to develop and improve their effectiveness.

The Working Party aims to draw together recommendations by late Autumn and over the coming months individual members of the group will be approaching voluntary organisations.

Individuals or organisations wanting to contribute to the thinking of the Working Party should contact Jenny Hill or Foster Murphy at NCVO 636 4066.

HAY'S WHARF

The June newsletter carried a story on the Hay's Wharf office development proposals. Readers may be asking what they as individuals can do if they object to the plans.

North Southwark Community Development Group (NSCDG) suggest two things:
- write to the Secretary of State for the Environment (Michael Heseltine) 2 Marsham Street, SW1, asking him to call for a public enquiry.

- raise the issue at local group meetings and trade union branches and persuade them to write as well. And if you live in Southwark or belong to a Southwark based organisation, ask Southwark Council to reject the Hay's Wharf applications by writing to:

The Director of Development,
London Borough of Southwark,
Borough Development Department,
30/32 Peckham Road, SE5.

Further information from:
NSCDG c/o 156b Union Street, SE1.
tel. 928 6476

SWAP SHOP

Paulette Jones, Education Welfare,
703 0855 x 249 wants a fridge or
fridge freezer in good working order.
Can pay a little bit.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTRE wants a gas
cooker. Please phone 732 2962
if you have one you'd like rid of.

TELETHON

Thames Television is to mount the
first UK Telethon - a marathon -
television event - with the sole
aim of raising funds for a named
cause or charity. It will run
over a period of 24 hours from
October 2nd to October 3rd. Thames
TV is inviting voluntary groups from
all over London and the South East
to mount their own fund - raising
events. The most imaginative
will be featured on the telethon.
Further details of the Telethon
are available from Zanne Findley,
Thames Television, 149 Tottenham
Court Road, LONDON WIP 9LL,
tel. 388 5199

fellowships

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust has
just published its list of subjects
eligible for study on Churchill Travelling
Fellowships in 1981, and a number of the
topics will be of interest to people in
the voluntary sector. These include:
prevention of perinatal mortality and
morbidity, independence in old age,
world conservation strategy and our
national heritage, literacy tuition and
prevention of juvenile crime. There is
also an open category. The only requirement
for application is that candidates have
to show that they can make effective
use of the opportunity both while
they are abroad and when they return.
Application forms will be available in
mid-August. Interviews for final selection
will be held in London in January 1981.
For further details contact the Winston
Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queens Gate
Terrace, LONDON SW7 5PR tel. 584 9315.

CDP

The Community Drug Project has appointed
a new Coordinator to replace Andreas
Scheffler who after 3 years working with
the Project is leaving to take a degree.
Ronno Griffiths will take over the post
from early September. Any enquiries
regarding the work of CDP can be made
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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

At a time like this when money seems to be ever less plentiful there is a tendency to assume that voluntary organisations will always manage because they are able to raise their own funds through efforts such as jumble sales and raffles. Whilst this is possibly the case for small organisations without employed workers, this is certainly not true for the many larger voluntary organisations in Southwark which now employ one or several workers.

Voluntary organisations are no longer an optional supplement to statutory services - they are, in many cases, an integral and important part of overall Borough provision, and each project's annual budget must cover several full time salaries.

If secure funding were not available from Central or local Government, voluntary organisations would have problems getting good staff. Moreover most voluntary organisations are overstretched already and the workers could not spend more time raising money without the day to day work of the organisation suffering.

The largest element in most Council grants to voluntary organisations in the locality is for salaries

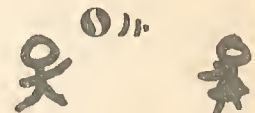
For most organisations losing any part of such grant aid would mean inevitable redundancies, and

possibly even closure of a project which is unable to continue after losing its workers.

Charitable trust funds are not inexhaustible - when inflation is as severe as it has been recently, the interest on their invested capital can pay for less and less. At the same time more and more organisations are forced to try this source of revenue. In some cases previously reliable grants have not been renewed; there is even less chance of organisations getting new funds.

One of the strengths of the voluntary sector as it works in partnership with the Local Authority is the ability to attract money that would otherwise not be spent in the Borough - for instance through urban aid grants, and at this time, more than ever Southwark is in a position of needing whatever income it can manage to secure.

Under-5's WORKERS



An initial lunchtime meeting to explore the needs for and possible structure of a discussion forum for under 5's workers in Southwark will be held on Tuesday 7th October 12.30 at Cambridge House.

For further details contact Christine at the SCVS office.

HOW TO GET A HOUSE?



There are four houses set aside by South London Family Housing Association for a group that wants to carry out a housing scheme. SLFHA, like many other Housing Associations, is taking advantage of "Special Projects" funds. Councils are being forced to stop building or repairing Council homes; and sell the ones that do exist. But the Government is encouraging one tiny area of housing - special schemes for "special need" groups where a Housing Association uses Government money to buy or build a home and a voluntary group runs it, raising money separately for extra staff if they're needed. If you'd like to learn more about how this sort of scheme can work, ring SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit on 231 2471. You can contact SLFHA at 139 Brigstock Road Thornton Heath. Tel. 689 4317

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Could you host someone from a voluntary organisation in Deventer in the Autumn of 1981.....if so come to a meeting on 20th October at 7.00 p.m. at Cambridge House 131 Camberwell Road SE5 to help us plan the visit.

CHEAP BUTTER!

Butter at reduced prices is being offered to non-profit making organisations. Organisations must be supplying meals as an integral part of their normal services. The supply of meals should not, however, be their primary purpose unless they are for the elderly or handicapped.

Examples of organisations likely to be eligible are: Children's Homes, Homes for the Elderly or Physically Handicapped Rehabilitation Centres, Youth Treatment Centres etc.

For details contact J.O. Macarthur Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, Fountain House, 2 West Mall, Reading.

Asian Women Workers Group

The Asian Women Community Workers Group has been set up to give community and social workers the opportunity to get together and try to find ways of meeting some of the most acutely felt needs of Asian Women, and it now has a membership of 160+

For more information about the group and its aims and objectives contact: (Asian Women) Community Workers Group 206 Coldharbour Lane London SW9 Tel. 737 0311

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A sponsored bicycle ride will take place on Saturday 6th September to Brighton to raise funds for Walworth In Print and SE1 community newspapers. For more information contact Andy Benson on 701 6550.

HAYS WHARF A PUBLIC MEETING

Southwark Council is to hold a public meeting to discuss the planning applications for Hays Wharf. The meeting will be on Monday 1st September 7.30 p.m. at the Tower Bridge Branch of the South London College, Tooley Street SE1. Members of Rotherhithe Forum have been invited to attend this meeting. If you have any queries regarding the meeting contact Harry Barlow or Terry Wilden 703 6311 ext. 321

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1980

THE SOUTHWARK SITE : DEVELOPERS' PROPOSALS TAKE SHAPE

As expected the short list of 4 schemes for development of the Southwark site in the Surrey Docks recommended by the joint working party of Southwark/GLC officers was duly endorsed by Southwark Council and the GLC in July. (Cf. Employment Report, SCVS Newsletter June 1980) The 4 main developers involved, Lysander Estates, ASDA, MAB Holdings Ltd, & Brodero Consulting Ltd., are now involved in discussions and in drawing up detailed plans, known as the Stage II proposals, which must be ready by 27th. October 1980.

The timetable operating at the moment is :-

- 27 Oct. Final date of submission of Stage II proposals to Southwark Council and the GLC.
- 3-12 Nov. Public exhibition of the detailed plans at Rotherhithe Civic Centre, Albion Street, SE16.
- 28 Nov. Joint meeting of Southwark Council and the GLC to choose the preferred scheme.
- 3 Dec. Southwark Council and GLC Committee approvals, and the granting of outline planning permission.

The table below shows some of the main facts so far known about the 4 schemes, including different types of jobs, areas given to different uses, housing units planned, car parking required and total cost (which may well have gone up due to inflation since the figures were compiled in January 1980).

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Shops</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
	<u>Jobs(Area)</u>	<u>Jobs(Area)</u>	<u>Jobs(Area)</u>		<u>Spaces</u>	<u>Cost(£m)</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
MAB	1800(960)	1000(103)	4000(744)	417	7500	175	9540
ASDA	305 (100)	200(20acres)	640(150)	32	3950	82	5345
Lysander	1800(330)	2400(330)	2500(538)	100	7530	150	8015
Brodero	1225(538)	10000(1076)	1410(322)	?	3100	150	12835

NR. The ASDA scheme will be amalgamated with at least one other scheme (favourites at the moment are Southwark Quays or Earthlife City), retaining mainly the shopping content of the original, so that the figures given for ASDA will be substantially modified.

Areas are given in thousand square feet, and the housing figures quoted are intended units.

Voluntary organisations were concerned in Stage I about the short time and the information available during the consultation period. SCVS itself, after a meeting of voluntary organisations, called for a full and open debate between potential developers and the community, not just between developers and the local authorities. Voluntary organisation will continue to press for this. For further information on the schemes, or if anyone is willing to help with a meeting to follow up these questions, please contact the Employment Unit at SCVS, tel 703 9730.

FREE ENTERPRISE ZONE ON ISLE OF DOGS.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets has successfully applied for the Isle of Dogs site to be treated as a free enterprise zone in the immediate future. Tower Hamlets Council is currently engaged in negotiations over the boundary of the zone, planning policies, and administrative arrangements.

Adherents of the Free Enterprise Zone plan (cf. Employment Report, SCVS Newsletter May 1980) claim that it will substantially relieve the unemployment problem in Tower Hamlets and also revitalise the declining industrial area.

However, opponents of the proposals argue that Free Enterprise zoning of the Isle of Dogs will usher in a 'Hong Kong' type situation, amounting to low-paid jobs, poor working conditions, small firms being squeezed out at the gain of larger, more successful firms, and decision-making procedures by locally-elected officials being either eroded or ignored.

The pros & cons of this revolve around the situation in Tower Hamlets. But what are the repercussions for Southwark? Will firms which may be considering moving into this borough now find a more attractive alternative offered to them in the proposed zone area? How would local firms and businesses in Southwark react to paying taxes that their counterparts in a free enterprise zone are exempt from?

The answers to these questions won't be definitely available for several years. But the present government is gambling that these types of drawbacks in neighbouring areas won't occur.



Southwark Music, Southwark Singers, Concert Orchestra and Concert Band commence their 1980 season on 8th September, under their Director, Denis Coleman.

The Southwark Concert season opens on 27th September and continues until 1st July 1981, most of the Concerts will be held in the Theatre of Clubland in Camberwell Road.

There are vacancies for all voices and instrumentalists in the choir, Orchestra and Band. The programmes cover a wide range of music to suit everyone's taste, including Church music, light music, choral works, symphonies, opera and chamber music.

Tuition is available in voice training, sight reading and all instruments. There is no age limit - age 11 upwards. Rehearsals and training are available every night of the week.

Details can be obtained from Southwark Music, 201a Honor Oak Road SE23 Tel. 699 3309.

New Publication

CO OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS DYNAMICSor your meetings needn't be so appalling.

is a manual for co-operatively run groups
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- how to understand the emotional life of a group
- how to diagnose and take action on problems in groups
- how to set up and run a training workshop to acquire group skills

The book emphasises actions groups can take for themselves without the help of experts.

Text by Rosemary Randall and John Southgate
Illustrations by Frances Tomlinson
Price £1.50 - Published by Barefoot Books
12 Nassington Road London NW3 Tel.
435 5116

ADVICE SERVICES ALLIANCE

A new public advice service has been formed - the Advice Services Alliance. It is a national body designed to combat the threat to advice services posed by public spending cuts. The new Alliance intends to resist further cut-backs and develop a more effective advisory service.

For more information contact:
Advice Services Alliance
c/o 18 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1
Tel. 222 9501.

New Staff For Old

SCVS would like to introduce to you three new members of staff.

Jane Belman will be starting on 8th September as our new fieldworker, David Brooks and Brian Hughes have already started work with the employment unit.

If you want to meet them drop into the SCVS office.

Churchill Memorial Trust

Awards for Churchill Travel fellowships - (100 are made annually) are offered in different categories each year. Some of the categories for 1981 are:

Literacy all teachers and tutors (including part time volunteers) involved in educational provisions for adult literacy.

Prevention of Juvenile Crime Parents teachers, police, youth leaders and anyone else concerned.

Independence in old age everybody involved in providing means of keeping elderly people mobile and independent

Apply early - the closing date is November 1980.
Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
15 Queen's Gate Terrace
London SW7
Tel. 584 9315

SWAP SHOP

PECKHAM ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND needs an electric cooker in working order, kitchen cabinets and a working black and white television set. If you've got any of these things to give away contact Olive Keating on 701 7974.

GAS FRIDGE offered. Needs an electric one. Contact Ms. Phillips 291 Wendover, Tel. 708 1691

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★ TEENAGE INFORMATION NETWORK ★

★ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ★

★ MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER ★

★ Starts 5.30 p.m. ★

★ AT 102 HARPER ROAD SE1 ★

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BE MY PARENT

It can be hard to find parents who want to adopt children with special needs. The Adoption Resources Exchange has helped find parents for 1,000 'hard-to-place' children. Now a photo-list of children is to be kept by Social Services departments and voluntary agencies for parents to see. But would-be parents attracted by the "Be My Parent" scheme will be as carefully assessed as everyone is who wants to adopt a child. More details from A.R.E. 11 Southwark Street SE1 Tel. 407 8800.

Situations Vacant

SECRETARIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WORKER

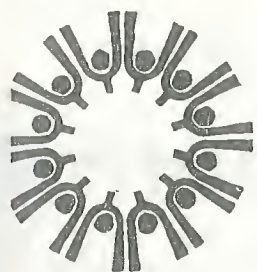
The National Federation of Voluntary Literacy Schemes is looking for a part-time worker (1½ days p.w.) to provide support for the full time organiser. In addition to secretarial work, the job will include a specific responsibility for servicing the National Committee and for providing information to, and about, the membership. An interest in adult literacy would be preferable. The job is initially for two years and will be based in Camberwell. Salary approx. £25 p.w. Further details and application form from Eric Pye at Blackfriars Settlement Tel 928 9521. Closing date September 12th.

TEENAGE INFORMATION NETWORK SE1

needs a part time centre based worker to develop its advice/information/counselling service for young people in Southwark. Previous experience of working with young people in an informal setting essential. ILEA rates. Closing date 5th September For further details phone Ann/Amanda/ Eric on 403 2444

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NEWSLETTER

CUTS THE EFFECTS

In the light of current discussions about further cuts to Southwark services SCVS has prepared a briefing paper for local decision-makers on the effects these will have on voluntary organisations in the Borough.

The paper argues that the voluntary sector is an essential part of the provision of services in the Borough, not an optional extra, and that if choices about cuts have to be made they should be made on the basis of the services that will be lost - not simply on the basis of who runs them.

In addition, much of the work of voluntary organisations demands a high degree of professionalism which means that the employment of paid staff is essential.

Other factors outlined in the paper include:

1. As voluntary bodies work on a minimum budget, there is little scope for them to reduce their expenditure further - so any cuts will drastically limit or even end their services.
2. Since salaries form the largest element in Council grants to voluntary bodies, even a small cut can lead to redundancy, which is disastrous in a 1 or 2 staff organisation.
3. Small organisations cannot absorb staff cuts (e.g. by natural wastage or redeployment) but are forced to make staff redundant.

4. Voluntary bodies are already seriously affected by cuts in other areas, e.g. reduced income from trusts; cuts in grant from the Area Health Authority, ILEA, DHSS, and the Home Office.

5. The Government may not renew Urban Aid to some time-expired projects, which could mean the loss of several local services.

6. Much outside funding to voluntary bodies is dependent on Council funding. Council grants therefore bring money into the Borough, which will be lost if these grants are cut. Such cuts are therefore a false economy.

7. Much of the work of the voluntary sector is preventative, and reduces the burden on statutory services. Cuts in voluntary services can therefore prove very costly.

In conclusion, it is clear that cuts have a disproportionate effect on voluntary organisations, and that many cuts cost more than they save.

Copies of the full paper are available on request from the SCVS office, and may be particularly relevant for voluntary organisations that expect to be discussing funding issues with the local authority in the coming months.

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UNITED NATIONS WEEK

Southwark

- Saturday
18th October
- 10.15 for
10.30 a.m.
- THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall, Peckham Road by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. William Payne, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony conducted in the Council Chamber by Lieut. Colonel Mary Carby, the Revd. Fr. John Cavanagh, the Imam K. Qamaruddin, the Revd. E.W. Southey, the Ven. Michael Whinney and Hans Woyda Esq. Stanley Willingham, Esq. J.P. will give a brief talk on the work of the United Nations and invite questions. Music will be provided by the Kingsdale School Band.
- 10.30 a.m.
- JUNIOR FILM SHOW. "The Water Babies" and "UNICEF is sharing" (Cartoon. Narrator: Peter Ustinov). Camberwell Church Street Library (Arranged by Southwark Junior Libraries)
- 7.30 p.m.
- CONCERT. Southwark Music (Conductor: Denis Coleman). Clubland Theatre, Camberwell Road (Entrance in Grosvenor Terrace). Tickets £1.50, £1.00, 75p Senior Citizens 60p from 201a Honor Oak Road SE23 (s.a.e.) or at the door.
- Sunday
19th October
10.00 a.m.
- PARISH MASS. St. Giles Church, Camberwell Church Street The congregation will be glad to welcome visitors both at the service and for coffee afterwards.
- 2.30 p.m.
- "ONE WORLD - WHERE ARE WE GOING?": A workshop on Food Defence, Population Trade, Health, Education, Energy, Waste and the Media. St. Barnabas Church, Calton Avenue SE21 (Arranged by the World Development Movement, Dulwich)
- Monday
20th October
7.00 p.m.
- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE. Can you host someone from a voluntary organisation in Deventer for five days in the Autumn of 1981? Discussion and planning. Cambridge House 131 Camberwell Road SE5. (Arranged by Southwark Council for Voluntary Service)
- Tuesday
21st October
7.30 p.m.
- INTERNATIONAL VARIETY (Including Alex Samos, singer/guitarist from New Zealand) North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road. Tickets £1.00 OAPs and children 75p. from the Southwark Entertainments Box Office, 28 Peckham Road SE5 Tel. 703 2917 or at the door.
- 8.00 p.m.
- SERVICE IN EUROPE ASIA AND AFRICA: An informal evening with returned volunteers. 19 Coldharbour Lane SE5 (Arranged by Southwark International Voluntary Service)
- Wednesday
22 October
7.00 p.m.
- COUNCIL MEETING at the Town Hall Peckham Road. Members of the public welcome. During the week photoposters illustrating some aspects of the work of the United Nations will be on display at the Town Hall, Camberwell Church Street Library, Peckham Hill Street Library, Dulwich Library, Social Services Office 29 Camberwell Road, Trustee Savings Bank 95 Peckham High Street Trustee Savings Bank 267 Southwark Park Road.

URBAN AID NEWS

The new Circular on Urban Aid is now out and voluntary organisations should by now have received a copy from SCVS.

The content of the Circular is much the same as last year. Emphasis is placed on projects involving disabled people and ethnic minorities.

The closing date for Urban Aid applications to be received by the Council is 3rd November 1980.

SCVS will again be holding a "surgery" for Urban Aid applicants, on 21st October 1980, between 11a.m. and 7.30p.m.

If your organisation wants to come to the surgery but can't make a time on the day, or if you haven't received details of the Circular, phone the SCVS office (703 9730).

CHC MEETING

The membership of local Community Health Councils is laid down by statute. One-half are local authority nominees, one-third representatives from the voluntary sector, and the remaining one-sixth are appointed by the Regional Health Authority.

This means in practice that both Guy's and King's Community Health Councils have between eight and ten members each who have been elected to the CHC by the voluntary sector.

Although only voluntary organisations and not individuals can nominate and vote at these elections, once elected to the CHC the representative does not represent merely the organisation which nominated him or her, but the whole of the voluntary sector.

SCVS, Guy's and King's CHCs are organising a meeting where members of the two Community Health Councils can meet members and representatives of Southwark organisations to discuss health issues of concern in Southwark, as well as the work of the CHCs.

This meeting is on THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 1980 at 6.30P.M. at Cambridge House and Talbot, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5.

Toy Library

There is a new Toy Library serving the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham area. Membership is open to any child in hospital, including the handicapped.

Three basic services are offered. Firstly, toys and educational aids are loaned out. Secondly, play projects are organised for different age groups. Thirdly, advice is offered on all aspects of play.

The library is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.30a.m. and 12.30p.m., and 2.00 to 4.45p.m.

Contact: The Belgrave Hospital
for Children,
Clapham Road, SW9.
Phone 274 6222

NO MISSILES

There will be a Public Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 1980 at the Old Library Building, Brabant Road (off Station Road) N.22, to discuss World Peace and Cruise Missiles.

Speakers are John Ferguson, Chairperson of the United Nations Association, and Dr. John Cox, scientist and writer for CND.

The meeting starts at 8p.m. Nearest tube station is Wood Green.

Migrant Services Unit

The Migrant Services Unit is compiling a directory of information material produced in non-Asian minority group languages. If you can help, or would like a copy of the directory, contact the Migrant Services Unit, London Voluntary Services Council, 68 Chalton St., London NW1 1JR.

LUNCH CLUB

Workers in voluntary and statutory organisations in the area are welcome to meet for lunch at Clubland, Camberwell Road, SE5, on the last Thursday of every month, 1 - 2p.m.

Bring your own lunch. For further information, contact Henry Morgan, St. Michael's Vicarage, Bethwin Road, SE5.

Unemployment Now

The Employment Unit at SCVS is currently involved in a project on unemployment in Southwark. We are looking at the problem as it affects a whole range of groups within the community - e.g. women, blacks, unskilled workers, those made redundant, those in the latter years of their working life, ex-offenders, etc.

The objective is to build up a general picture of unemployment in the Borough, and of what can be done to alleviate the particular problems faced by the unemployed.

Have you any suggestions on how to respond to the problems faced by particular groups of unemployed? Have you any views on how rising unemployment in the Borough affects your respective client groups? If so, why not call up for a chat?

Phone 703 9730 and ask for Brian Hughes.

Asian Womens Centre

The Asian Womens Centre opens very shortly. We shall need donations i.e. fridges, furniture, hoovers, bedding, kitchenware, toys, adults and children's books (in Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindustani, Urdu, Bengali and English). Any women who speak an Asian language and are interested in the centre should ring Shahin on 703 0580.

LITERACY GP

Southwark Literacy Development Group are producing their annual directory of literacy provision in Southwark early next year, to coincide with the re-organising of adult education institutes in January. Meanwhile they have produced an updated leaflet "Basic Education" in Southwark - September 1980". Leaflets and copies of the 1979-80 directory are available from Brian Sugden Camberwell Church St. Library 17-19 Camberwell Church St. London SE5. Comments on the directory to Keith Connor, SLDG Directory Subcommittee Chaucer Walworth Adult Education Institute, Weston St. (Hunters Close) SE1.

HELP BY PHONE



231 2471

The SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit has now been operating its 'Casework Support Service' for a full year.

The aim is to assist advice agencies in the Borough (both statutory and voluntary) in advising individual clients.

Agencies can ring HARU (tel: 231 2471) between 9.30a.m. and 5p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the HARU staff are often in the office to take calls, but don't guarantee to be.

Agencies are reminded that HARU does not operate an advice service for the public, and are therefore asked not to get clients to ring HARU themselves.

ELEPHANT CARNIVAL

On Saturday November 1st the South Bank Polytechnic Student Union is the venue for the Elephant Carnival - Against the Cuts. The carnival is being organised by the Student Union in conjunction with Southwark Fightback as part of a South East Region T.U.C. Month of Action.

As part of the Carnival Broadside Mobile Workers' Theatre are performing "The Cut Price Welfare State Show". Through songs, dance and sketches they dramatise specific problems in different branches of the N.H.S. from the point of view of those who work in it and use it.

The play will begin at 2.00 p.m. on November 1st in the Elephant Theatre and run for about an hour. It will be followed by a discussion between the cast and the audience of the points raised by the play. It is part of a whole day of entertainment and information on the cuts and their effects on North Southwark. There will be stalls run by local community groups, films, face painting and other childrens entertainment, a creche and live music in the evening.

Further details from 261 1525.

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- Thursday
23rd October
8.00 p.m. "WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THE THIRD WORLD" John Marsh
C.B.E. D.Sc. Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane SE22
(Arranged by Southwark-Dulwich Branch of the United Nations Association)
- Friday
24th October UNITED NATIONS DAY
(UNA/UNICEF Flag Day in the City of London)
- Saturday
25th October JUNIOR FILM SHOW. "The Water Babies" and "UNICEF is sharing"
10.30 a.m. (Cartoon. Narrator: Peter Ustinov) Dulwich Library,
Lordship Lane (Arranged by Southwark Junior Libraries)
- 12 noon FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF FUNDS. Offers of help to
Mrs. Hainsworth - address below.
- 7.00 p.m. INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH. The Mayor's XI v British
Council Students Centre AFC at Dulwich Common Sports
Ground (Arranged by the London Borough of Southwark
Sports and Social Club)
- Sunday
26th October SOCIAL EVENING IN AID OF UNICEF Havil Street Hall
2.45 for Havil Street SE5 Tickets £2.00 from SCCR, 137 Camberwell
3.00 p.m. Road SE5 (Arranged by Southwark Council for Community
Relations)
- UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at St. Barnabas Church, Calton
Avenue Dulwich. Conducted by the Revd. Richard Lewis
Preacher: John Marsh C.B.E. The service will be attended
by the Worshipful the Mayor, Members of the Council and
representatives of local organisations.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

PHOTOPOSTER DISPLAY See Wednesday above

JESSE DALE CAST (1903-76) Lived abroad (Belgium and Majorca: an exhibition of paintings and drawings. South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road. Open until November 7th. Weekdays 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Sundays 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

NB The week is also the Week of Prayer for World Peace, and One World Week (World Development Movement). The week beginning October 24th has been designated United Nations Disarmament Week.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week programme please contact the Information Office. Town Hall Peckham Road SE5. In view of financial stringency the Borough Council is not publishing the separate programme this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Hon. Secretary of the local branch Mrs. Lois Hainsworth 136 Thurlow Park Road SE21

situations vacant

Consortium STEP has four vacancies for people who have been registered unemployed at least six months (if under 24) or twelve months (if over 24).

The jobs are:

Activities Organiser (New Cross Circle Club)

Information Worker (St. Giles Centre)
Counsellor (Alcohol Counselling Service/
Camberwell Bail Project)

Development/Aftercare Worker (Homeless
Action & Accommodation)

All jobs are based in voluntary work agencies in the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, and are for a maximum of 52 weeks.

Previous experience not necessary.

Salary: £3692 - 35 hours per week - 25 days holiday.

For more details contact Marie-Paul Nicholson on 701 2002.

UNDER 5's

The meeting for Under 5's workers being held on Tuesday 7th October at 12.30 at Cambridge House will have a creche. Please bring your children

Research Directory

The Volunteer Centre is compiling a directory of research into voluntary action. If you know of any organisations who would like to be included, please contact The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts., HP4 2AB. Tel: 044-27-73311 for details.

OFFICE SPACE

350 sq. ft. on the ground floor of Cambridge House Camberwell Road SE5 comprising two offices and a reception area - contact Colin Rochester on 703 5025

Jumble Sale

Southwark Peckham Conservative Assoc. will be holding its next Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st November 1980 at Christ Church Hall, Old Kent Road, SE15 (almost opposite the S.E. Gas Board), commencing at 2.30p.m. Entrance 5p.



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NEWSLETTER

URBAN AID

SCVS's open meeting on Urban Aid last month decided that the voluntary sector should negotiate with the Council about the priorities for urban aid applications this year.

The meeting elected a group of people to look at the applications in detail and to suggest a priority order. They will report back to a further open meeting which will be held at 6.30 p.m. November 13th at Cambridge House. Please come if you are interested: this will be your chance to comment on the suggested priorities, and to argue that your project should be moved up the list if necessary!

Your representatives will meet again after the meeting on the 13th to reorder their priority list in the light of comments received. The re-ordered list will then be submitted to Southwark Council as SCVS's official comments.

If your organisation is submitting an urban aid application this year, please remember to send a copy to SCVS together with a 200 word summary describing your project.

Young people's housing

South East London Consortium has published a report on the needs of homeless young people in Southwark. The report makes recommendations for local action on this growing problem and is available, priced £2 from: Consortium, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5.

COMMUNITY FORUMS MEETING

Following the appointment of Mike Cantor as Borough Community Development Officer, Southwark Council has called together a new group (the Community Support Advisory Group) to advise on the development of local community work services.

Since voluntary organisations currently employ 14 of the Borough's 17 community workers, SCVS is represented on the group. We have argued, however that the consumers as well as the providers of the service should be on the group. A lot of tenants associations and other local groups are acutely aware of the need for a community worker in their area, and are in the best position to know the kind of work that should be done.

The Council has agreed to offer one nomination to the Tenants' Consultative Committee, and interested people from Tenants Associations should make sure that their names are put forward: contact your TA representative or ask Melvin Wallace of London Tenants Organisation (237 8277) for advice on how to do this.

A further 'consumer' nomination will come from a meeting of community forums and other groupings/federations of local groups, which will be convened shortly by SCVS. If your group belongs to a forum which you think should be invited, please phone Sharon or Jane at the SCVS office.

COMMUNITY - 1
HAY'S WHARF - 0

(HALF TIME SCORE)

A rare victory came unexpectedly for local people on 21st October when Michael Heseltine, Environment Secretary announced a public inquiry to consider the planning applications for the mammoth Hay's Wharf site between London and Tower Bridges on the North Southwark riverside.

The battle over redevelopment of the 22 acre site - which would have beaten the largest office development in London since the Great Fire of 1666 if Hay's Wharf had had their way - has been documented recently in this newsletter (July, August, September)

The local community want to see family housing, industry, shops and recreational facilities for the people of Southwark and not over 2 million square feet of offices (14 Centre Points) on the site.

The recent widespread campaign in the community was aimed at securing a public enquiry to properly debate the issues involved, and was finally successful in the nick of time. For the following day Southwark Council were set to approve finally the huge speculative office development plan.

The indications are that the inquiry will be held soon in the New Year - which means a tremendous amount of work if the local community is to present a well prepared case. For further information or if you can offer help please contact the North Southwark Community Development Group on 928 6476.

Downtown

Downtown Family Centre is a drop-in centre for mothers and pre-school children in the Surrey Docks area. The project was started a few years ago under the umbrella of Cambridge House. Plans are now being made to make the Centre an entirely independent organisation with its own management structure etc. There will be a public meeting 7.30 20th November at the Centre to discuss

this: everyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the staff at the Centre 231 1729.

C.H. Legal Advice

At 8.00 27th November there will be a discussion at Cambridge House about its Legal Advice Service. This is one of a series of meetings looking at the work of the Settlement's different projects and the issues that arise from them. If you are interested in attending the meeting, contact Colin Rochester 703 5025 or just turn up on the night.

Counselling alcoholics

The Alcohol Counselling Service is running a new introductory course for voluntary counsellors. Starts Monday 17th November. Anyone interested contact Ken or Steve on 639 3252. It lasts 3 evenings - Monday, Wed. & Friday - and all day on the Sunday. Counsellors are expected to work one session a week (daytime or evenings) for a year after the training.

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Women writing

The Peckham Publishing Project produced its ninth book in October. It is called "I Want to Write It Down - Writing by Women in Peckham". It is a book of interviews, poems and short pieces of writing illustrated with 30 photographs. Over fifty local women were involved in writing, taking photographs, editing and paste-up and it was funded by a grant from the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The writers say in their introduction 'A lot of the writing is about work: the kinds of jobs women get forced into because they have children to look after. But we also wanted to show how women have been taking up new opportunities and moving into what have always been seen as 'men only' jobs". "I Want to Write It Down" costs £1 and 20p postage and is available from The Bookplace 13 Peckham High St. SE15 Tel. 701 1757.

EMPLOYMENT UNIT NEWS

STEP training

Are you allowed to train unemployed people after they join a STEP project? Or are sponsors only supposed to provide temporary employment - straightforward work experience for up to 12 months? This contentious issue has angered sponsors in the voluntary sector in Southwark for a long time now, and came to a head at a recent meeting of the local Southwark Special Programmes Board. Clarification of the official line on training has now been obtained from MSC London Region - and the answer is training is allowed under STEP. While the MSC's view is that the main objective of STEP is to provide temporary employment, with the expectation that necessary training will be given on the job, formal training is permitted if it is considered appropriate by sponsors, and satisfies the following criteria:

- a) It must be relevant to work on the STEP scheme. Technical officers at the MSC can advise.
- b) It must not be for more than 1 day per week.
- c) If a) and b) are met, then training costs, including college fees can be met by the MSC within the overall limit of £300 per person per year.

Wages to STEP employees should continue to be paid while they are being trained in line with the above criteria. Apart from such training, there is no provision for any further training under STEP.

If this information had been available a long time ago a lot of argument would have been avoided, as the type of training envisaged by many voluntary organisation sponsors in Southwark would fit in with the above criteria.

"Towards Work"

Project Full Employ is to run a short course "Towards Work" which will operate every 6 weeks (approx) starting on 24th November 1980. The course is for

Project Full Employ is to run a short three week course "Towards Work" starting on 24th November and it will be repeated every six weeks. The course is open to people within the 16-19 age range. It is described as a "brief work orientation course" and it will attempt to orientate trainees towards employment, work experience placements or to appropriate training. There are 12 places on the course which will be held at Braganza St. Kennington next to the Southwark Training Workshop site. Recruitment of young people for this YOP course is now under way: for further information contact the Co-ordinator Andy Hughes, Tel No. 488 9079.

Job-search exhibition

A school-leaver's guide to job-search and unemployment in South London is now available for booking by local groups and institutions. Put together by Into Work, the youth employment research project based in Southwark which finished 2 years work at the end of October, it consists of 5 laminated panels using colourful illustrations and straightforward language.

The theme of the show focusses on some key findings of Into Work's research - difficulties in claiming benefit, confusion over what training opportunities are available, boredom - intending to go some way towards meeting these difficulties.

If you would like to book this exhibition, please contact Amanda Bennett at TIN, 102 Harper Road, SE1, tel: 403 2444.

Housing Associations

Housing Associations get hundreds of letters every week from people who are desperate for a place to live.

Yet unless they have just finished building or repairing a new lot of houses or flats, Housing Associations can only let a home to a new family if one of their tenants moves out and leaves an empty home.

Obviously, the more homes the Association has, the more often one of them falls vacant.

The Housing Advice Resource Unit wants to save people in housing need from being disappointed, and Housing Associations the worry of having to reply to all the letters when they have nothing to offer.

Every Housing Association which owns property in Southwark is being interviewed by the Unit. They will be asked how often they have places to let - what size families will fit them - whether individuals can apply or if organisations must refer people in need - if someone is accepted, how long it takes before they are offered a home - whether they are likely to get a nineteenth century flat on the 4th floor with no lift or a ground floor of a house with a garden....

All the answers will be duplicated to make "The Housing Associations Directory". The Unit will sell this at cost price to people advising the public in the borough.

If all goes well, the information will be collected by the end of the year. The Directory should be printed in the New Year and available quickly.

Hostels

Hostels, bed and breakfast places and voluntary organisations also have a similar problem: there are always more people who need a bed for the night than they can fit in.

Lots of agencies produce lists of places where homeless people can get emergency shelter.

The problem for advice workers is keeping track of all the lists. Which one is most up-to-date? Can we assume that if this one has left somewhere off the list, it's closed down? Does "emergency accommodation" mean the same as "hostel"?

As part of its work in a Joint Working Party on advice and assistance for the homeless, the Housing Advice Resource Unit has been looking at all the lists.

If any advice agency would like to know what the latest completest and finest possible lists would include, ring HARU on 231 2471.

Stopping steps

The MSC has issued procedures for termination of YOP and STEP schemes which have been circulated to all CVS's by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. They were drawn up by the MSC after it had ended some Special Programmes schemes in a way described by the Standing Conference of CVS's "which has left sponsors in a rather uncomfortable position".

The procedures outline steps which the MSC should follow when considering termination of schemes, and the criteria applicable to this process. A copy is available for inspection in the SCVS office - further detailed information may be obtained from Stephen Hopwood at NCVO, 636 4066.

Yoga classes

Yoga classes have started at the Activities Centre la Wendover, Aylesbury Estate SE17 on Thursdays, 5 - 6 p.m. women only, and 6 - 7 p.m. mixed. For more information phone 703 0415

VORTEX

The Winter-Spring edition of VORTEX (Voluntary Organisations Register of Training Exercises) is now available at, or on loan from, the SCVS office. If you wish to obtain your own copy, write to VORTEX 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

Exchange Visits

SCVS's United Nations week meeting to discuss international Exchange visits decided to invite a party of people from voluntary organisations in Deventer to visit Southwark for five days from 22nd to 27th October 1981.

One or two local groups are already in touch with their Dutch counterparts, and will be issuing invitations shortly. If your organisation is interested in hosting one or more people from a similar group to your own in Deventer please contact Sharon Collins at the SCVS office.

Victorian Camberwell

The Camberwell Society is collecting old photographs and postcards from around the turn of the Century of the Camberwell area. They hope to publish them shortly.

If you have any pictures or postcards please send them to Jeremy Bennett, Chairman Camberwell Society 30 Grove Lane SE5. Any pictures will be returned after copying them.

Theatre gigs

Springboard Southwark are setting up a drama project as part of their work with unemployed young people. They would welcome opportunities for their community theatre group to perform in schools, old people's clubs, playgroups etc. As well as their general productions they are willing to devise special shows on specific topics or for particular events. For more information contact Valerie Fry at Springboard 261 9283.

Black communities

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations is running a one day workshop on "Inner Cities and Black Communities" in London on 19 November 1980. The workshop is free to voluntary organisations, local authorities will be charged £4 per person. Closing date for applications is November 3rd. Apply to NCVO 26 Bedford Square WC1 or Tel. 636 4066.

Money news

The Charities Aid Foundation is preparing a "Directory of Charitable Needs" to help people and trusts wishing to donate money to worthwhile projects. The first edition will concentrate on charities who work with or for the elderly. If you would like your project included in the Directory, contact the Charities Aid Foundation as soon as possible: CAF 48 Pembury Road Tonbridge Kent.

Conference

Society for Co-operative Dwellings and Solon Co-operative Housing Services in conjunction with Morley College have organised a conference for community workers and community activists on Housing Co-operatives and Community Action on 8th November at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road SE1. Cost £2 including lunch.

For further details and conference programme contact Susie Bromage, 209 Clapham Road SW9 Tel. 737 2077 or Jim Pollard 233a Kentish Town Road London NW5 on 267 2005.

walworth project

Following the appointment of Roy Webb to become the new Advice Centre Worker, Walworth's Portakabin Offices are now once again OPEN for advice work. The Centre re-opened on Monday 6th October 1980.

Roy is glad to meet anyone who is interested to drop by at the Centre and hopes himself to get to meet everyone who has supported the Project as he settles in to be part of the team.

skills take-away

Following last year's success, a 'Skills Take Away' is again being organised for adults concerned with creative play. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 November at the Camgate Centre, 34 Camberwell Road SE5. The fee for the weekend is £7.00 and applications should be sent to Janet Dalglish at the above address or phone her on 701 2611.

Wanted

Housing Welfare urgently requires any usable household furniture to be given to needy people in the Borough. The Section has no furniture currently in stock, but is faced with a long waiting list of persons requiring items.

Furniture and any other useful items will be collected free of charge (persons in receipt of delivery are charged).

Offers of items should be made to Mrs. Rowe or Mrs. Johnson at the Housing Welfare Section 639 0523.

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Voluntary drivers are needed for the Southwark Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults minibus. Volunteers must be over 25 years of age and hold a clean driving licence. Drivers are needed for various evening and week-end events. For further details please get in touch with Ron Manton, 26 Oglander Road SE15, Tel 639 9603.

On offer

The Walworth and Aylesbury Community Arts Trust have a scanner which can cut electronic stencils which is freely available for community groups to use. For more information contact WACAT Shop & Tapiow, Aylesbury Estate SE17 Tel. 701 9010.

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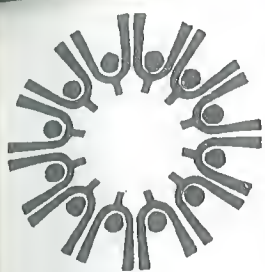
Two of SCVS's Employment Unit workers are leaving: both have been offered permanent jobs elsewhere - David Brooks after only 3 weeks with the scheme, and Pete McDonagh after 2½ years as the project's coordinator.

Pete is staying in the borough and this month will become South East London Consortium's employment development worker. We wish him well in his new job and look forward to working with him in his new role.

Meanwhile, with only 6 months of the STEP scheme to run, SCVS is looking for a new coordinator for the employment unit. We need someone with a good grasp of employment issues, ideally with some knowledge of local voluntary organisations, and the ability to offer support and guidance to the Unit's other workers. That's a tall order for a short term appointment, but in return we are able to offer £5,202 p.a. and possibly scope for the new worker to pursue their own work in the employment field. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Sharon Collins at the SCVS office as soon as possible. (Applicants should be registered unemployed at the time of appointment.)

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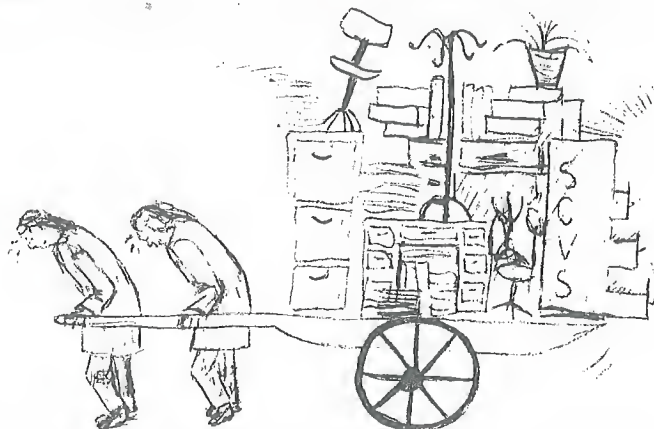
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NEWSLETTER

WE ARE MOVING

SCVS, HARU, the VOLUNTARY WORKER'S BUREAU AND THE EMPLOYMENT UNIT are all moving into new offices at:

135 Rye Lane,
Peckham
London SE15



Our last working day at Chatham Street will be 5th December. SCVS will be closing for the week beginning 8th December and will re-open in Rye Lane on Monday 15th December.

The Housing Advice Resource Unit will be closing on 8th and 10th December but will be working during the rest of that week.

Our new telephone number are:

SCVS	732 3731
HARU	732 3649
Voluntary Workers' Bureau	732 5729
Employment Unit	732 5727

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHC NEWS

Voluntary organisations and the
Community Health Councils.

After a successful meeting in October between members of voluntary organisations and members of Guy's and King's C.H.C.s, it was agreed that the C.H.C.s and voluntary organisations should meet regularly to discuss health issues of concern in Southwark and the work of the C.H.C.s.

Details will be sent to you later, but meanwhile here are some dates for your diary:

12th Feb 1981 - 6.30 p.m. at King's CHC, provisional topic for discussion The Elderly.

19th May 1981 - 6.30 p.m. at Guy's CHC

1st Oct. 1981 6.30 p.m. at Cambridge House.

Directory

Have you ever needed to find out about a voluntary organisation, charity or pressure group? Did you know where to start? A new directory of voluntary organisations is designed to help the busy enquirer. Its called "Voluntary Organisations: An NCVO Directory 1980/81 Price £3.95 at bookshops. Further information from Lindsey Williams on 636 4066.

Rockingham Community Centre

Rockingham Community Centre Lower Hall (weekdays evenings) available for meetings. Can hold up to 100 people. £10 or less. For more information phone Mary Murphy on 407 8170.

New Asian Resource

Advice on a wide range of matters and regular showings of Asian feature films are two very different activities available at the Asian Community Action Group, 15 Bedford Road SW4 (very near Clapham North Tube). Ring 733 7494 to find out more.

Day Centre Needs Help

The threat of eviction hangs over North Lambeth Day Centre. Their temporary home at Royal Waterloo Hospital, at the Southern end of Waterloo Bridge, is about to be sold by the Regional Health Authority.

The RHA want the building empty by Christmas. Lambeth Council, NLDC's sponsor, has replied that the end of May 1981 is the earliest date by which it can be vacated.

NLDC need help to show that its work enjoys wide support and to ensure that it has a stable base to work from.

To find out how you can help and who you can write to ring NLDC on 261 9622.

FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

FWA has written to us to remind readers that it provides a counselling service to people living or working in Southwark and Lambeth.

They employ the psycho-dynamic approach in their casework and incorporate other methods in an attempt to respond appropriately to client needs.

They want referrals of "individuals, couples and families who are willing to explore and work on their problems in more depth."

To make a referral ring 703 5561, Monday to Friday 9.30 - 5.00 p.m. and speak to the duty social worker or leave a message to contact you. "After this preliminary discussion we will, if mutually agreed, offer the client/s an assessment interview when you have informed them of the referral. People not well known to you can be asked to contact us themselves."

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

JOBLESS:-

Official total in Southwark 9938 !

NEW WORKERS

The employment unit has recruited two new people to fill the short-term vacancies reported last month:

Mark Neuman to the coordinator post and Lionel Anthony to look into employment of disabled and blind people. Both are keen to meet other workers in the same fields. Please make contact on 732 5727.

PROP FOR YOP

On 11th November in a reply to the National Conference of Councils of Voluntary Service, Mr. Prior the Secretary of State for Employment said that £171m had already been committed for YOP in this financial year and he had "... given an absolute guarantee in the House of Commons that if more resources are needed to enable undertakings to be met those resources will be found".

CAMPAIGN

A CAMPAIGN GROUP of unemployed people. Surely the time has now come that we all stopped doing things for the unemployed and applied our community work principles of "self-help" in this area. We should work with the unemployed and help establish an organisation of unemployed. All activities from training or retraining, mutual support, generating new schemes, commenting or campaigning on government policy will be infinitely more successful if the people out of work now speak for themselves rather than letting the professional researchers/ community workers etc. hog the scene. The new workers at the Employment Unit will be giving much priority to launching such an organisation.

URGENT APPEAL: Do you or your colleagues know anyone interested in this approach. If so contact the Employment Unit on 732 5727.

Xmas Xcitement

Rockingham Estate TA announces:-

A Golden Oldies Party - Friday
19th December at 7.00 p.m.

A Handicapped Children's Party -
Sunday 11th January 2 - 6 p.m.
Gifts/toys or other help would
be welcome.

Further details from John Axon
403 3006 (home) or 629 1709 (work)

Activities for Mentally Handicapped People

The Project for the Mentally Handicapped at Cambridge House is hoping to start weekly gym activities for mentally handicapped people aged 15-25.

The Project has a soft play area which is available free to any group wanting to use it for young children. Kids love it, they say!

Bookings and other information from
703 5025.

Wheelchair Dancing

Southwark Wheelchair Dancing Group have vacancies. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Aylesbury Day Centre. Transport arranged for those interested.

Contact Mrs. P. Hough, 12 Alverstone Road, Wembley Park, Middx.
Tel. 904 6451.

CHARTERHOUSE

Charterhouse-in-Southwark is starting an Intermediate Treatment Day Centre in the New Year. The Project leader, Hilda Benham is already in post.

They also tell us that "expansion of women's work is taking place".

SITS. VAC.

Rockingham Estate T.A.

Rockingham Estate Tenants Association needs a Detached Youth Worker to work on the Estate. It's a seconded ILEA post, details from Steve Lancashire, Youth Office 83 Peckham Road SE5.

Charterhouse in Southwark

Charterhouse in Southwark want three I.T. workers: a qualified teacher, a youth and community worker and a social worker. Salaries £6333-£7107 inc. - under review.

Ring Hilda Benham on 407 1810 or write for application forms to 40 Tabard Street SE1.

Project for the mentally handicapped

are looking for a part time administrator (25/30 hours per week) to work at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road SE5. Good salary and conditions. Typing essential; some financial management. Must be able to work on one's own. Closing date: 8th December. Ring Linda Anderson on 703 5025.

Alcoholics' Recovery Project

Alcoholics Recovery Project require a Financial Secretary. Duties to include PAYE, income and expenditure records, preparation of draft final accounts, budgeting and statistical analysis and daily cash control.

Friendly, informal atmosphere, good conditions of employment and opportunity to control own work load. Part qualified. Experience with small organisations preferred. Salary in range £6333-£6699. Detailed job description and application form from A.R.P. 131-139 Camberwell Road SE5 Tel. 701 3129.

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WANTED: Office typewriter and duplicator which work. Contact John Axon 61 Wickstead House Rockingham Estate SE1 Tel. 403 3006 (home) or 629 1704 (work)

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SCVS NEW OFFICE how this will benefit you

At last we have space to make a lot more SCVS facilities available to local organisations. Those of you who have struggled for years to make our duplicator work without knocking your knees on the stationery cupboard will be delighted to hear that we can now offer you easy access to:

*TYPEWRITERS - manual, electric & golfball;

*DUPLICATOR

*ELECTRO-STENCIL CUTTER - scanner to you - (which cuts stencils of pictures as well as words);

*ADDRESSOGRAPH (we can store your own address list, or you can use all or part of ours).

Remember: use of equipment is free, but we charge for any stationery used - so bring your own if you like. (And please phone first to let us know that you are coming : 732 3731.)

In addition, we now have a *MEETING ROOM* which voluntary organisations are welcome to use. The room is suitable for committee or group meetings or for larger meetings of up to forty people, and can be booked by phoning the SCVS office.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that SCVS convenes the following regular groups most of which are open to all interested voluntary organisations:

- *Community Work Group
- *Working Party on Play
- *Under Fives Forum
- *Housing Interest Group
- *International Exchanges Group
- *Forward Planning Group for Advice & Information Services

- *FPG sub-group on Legal Services
- *FPG sub-group on advice for disabled people
- *Volunteer Organisers' Forum.

If you would like your name added to the mailing list for any of these groups, or would like further information, please let us know.

THANK YOU...

After two years searching for new premises, SCVS finally moved last month to 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

The SCVS Executive Committee and staff would like to thank all those who made the move possible - in particular:

- * Southwark Council's General Purposes and Finance Committee
- * the City Parochial Foundation whose grants between them enable us to meet increased rental costs;
- * staff of the LBS Town Clerk's, Valuers, Housing and Legal Departments without whose help advice and expertise life would have been much more difficult;
- * Elephant Jobs, who ably moved our office from Chatham Street and Southwark Park Road to Rye Lane with no losses, breakages or fuss.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS BUREAU

The SCVS Voluntary Workers' Bureau is now able to offer an open access service on 3 days a week to potential volunteers and others who want to know about voluntary work opportunities in Southwark.

The Bureau will be open from 10.30 to 4.00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and callers are welcome. If you want to ring, the number is 732 5729.

EMPLOYMENT UNIT NEWS

Unemployment

Southwark Trades Council are organising a one day conference on Saturday 31st January 1981 at St. Albans Hall, Manor Place, S.E.17, from 11am-4.30pm.

The conference is called to discuss ways of tackling the problem of unemployment in the borough, and topics include:

- *resisting closures
- *assistance to the unemployed
- *women and unemployment
- *the role of local authorities

Application forms for the conference can be obtained from

Southwark Trades Council
Lansbury House
41 Camberwell Grove
London, S.E.5

or ring Rod Robertson 388 2366(work),
261 9156(H).

New MSC schemes

The Employment Unit at SCVS has a copy of a press release on the proposed developments for the MSC's Youth Opportunities Programme, and major changes in the provision for unemployed adults (STEP). There is a new programme, Community Enterprise Programme (CEP), which is due to replace the STEP scheme from 1st April 1981.

Further details of the proposed changes in YOP and the features of CEP can be obtained from Mark Neuman at the Employment Unit on 732 5727.

Unemployed action group

The Employment Unit is involved in the setting up of an Unemployed Centre geared towards the eventual formation of a local organisation of the unemployed.

The Centre is due to open on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, and Thursday 8th January 1981, from 12-3pm, and it will continue to be open on these days of the week.

Also, if anybody is prepared to help in the distribution of leaflets about the Centre please contact us here at the Employment Unit 732 5727.

Please take this opportunity to inform any unemployed clients that you may be in contact with about the existence of the centre.

HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT NEWS

The move to the new offices in Rye Lane SE15 has not changed the Unit's promise to be available for people to ring to discuss their clients' housing problems between 9.30 and 5.00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday - but now we too have a new telephone number, 732 3649.

We've been interested to learn that the ideas which led to our existence are being considered by other groups.

The Housing Advice Unit is intended to improve access to good housing advice in Southwark by helping those whose work brings them into contact with people who have housing problems.

This is a new idea, compared with the usual decision to set up an advice centre for the public which specialises in housing problems.

Bartle Sawbridge of the Unit was recently invited to speak about our work at the AGM of the national Association of Housing Aid, which was looking at possibilities of housing aid in a time of cuts; and conversations with several other organisations have shown that the progress of the Unit is being watched with interest in the housing field.

Another of the Unit's responsibilities is servicing the SCVS Housing Interest Group.

The Housing Interest Group published "Empty Property in Southwark" in

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RESTRUCTURING OF LAMBETH SOUTHWARK AND LEWISHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY

The South East Thames Regional Health Authority is holding a PUBLIC MEETING to discuss the restructuring of Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority.. The R.H.A. is going to set up District Health Authorities as the administrative units. It is proposed that Guy's and Lewisham Health Districts be combined to form one D.H.A., and King's Health District form another.

The meeting is on Monday 12th January 1981, at 7.30 p.m. at the Riverdale Hall, Lewisham Leisure Centre, Rennell St, Lewisham.(off Lewisham High St. Entrance to rear of Odeon Cinema)

For details of the R.H.A.'s proposals and copies of their consultative document contact Jane Belman SCVS, tel. 732 3731.

SOUTHWARK LAW PROJECT : TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

The Lordship Lane Information Centre is being given a facelift. The work on the building will take about three months, and in the meantime the Southwark Law Project will be located at the Rotherhithe Civic Centre (G.P. Rooms), Albion Street, SE16. During this period open legal sessions will be held as follows:

East Dulwich Area: Community Centre, Darrell Road, SE22

Tuesdays 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Fridays 2.00 pm - 4.00pm

Bermondsey Area : Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Road, SE16

Thursdays 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm.

November. This report examines why homes are empty - whether the Council, Housing Associations or private people own them - and makes recommendations.

It hopes it will encourage understanding of the extent of the problem, reasons for it and wide and open discussion of possible solutions.

The report suggests some policies for the Housing Department and Government to adopt to cut down the number of homes which stand empty.

These include a suggestion that the Council should adopt an "unpopular lettings" scheme for homes which have been left empty for 6 months; that it should encourage "shortlife" licensed use of property which is waiting for improvement or demolition; and that the policies which already exist, such as the plan to let single people share larger empty flats, should be fully implemented.

At the same time, the report believes that only increased security for private tenants and increased sanctions against private landlords of empty property will solve the problem in the private sector.

BADGES



Does anyone have access to a badge making machine? If so, please contact Walworth In Print on 701 6550 and let SCVS know as well.

TV OR TALK ?

Video/tapes/slides/talking/photos/leaflets/ local radio - community groups can use many communication methods.

The Gulbenkian Foundation has appointed Joan Munroe to see which techniques are useful in which situations, to see what community groups use, what they need and how they can be advised.

She'd like to hear from groups with experience of using different methods of communication.

She'd also welcome comments on how she could use her two years with the Foundation most usefully.

Contact Joan Munroe, Gulbenkian Foundation Annexe, 5 Tavistock Place, WC1, 387 7719.

WALWORTH CABLE RADIO

Walworth Cable Radio is an exciting new scheme.

A course on how to make and edit radio programmes is starting in January.

There will also be a benefit event on January 17th from 6.30 to 10.30, with stalls*tombola*music*refreshments*and information about your neighbourhood radio station.

It is at Clubland, Walworth Rd SE5 (opposite Albany Road).

For more details contact Caroline or Patrick on 701 9010.

ADULT EDUCATION

On January 1st 1981 a new Adult Education Service was born - the Southwark Institute.

It was formed from an amalgamation of Dulwich Institute, most of Chaucer/Walworth Institute and half of Frobisher Institute.

The HQ will be at St. Mary's Rd, SE15 2EA 639 1178.

For the local services, contact:

Dockland Project - Rotherhithe Community Workshop, Hope (Sufferance) Wharf, 61 St Mary Church St, SE16, 237 5299.

Dulwich Centre - William Penn School, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JH, 274 8027.

Nunhead Centre - Whorlton Road, SE15 3PD 639 4557.

Walworth Centre - Hunter Close, Weston St., SE1 4UU, 407 3230.

SCCR MOVE

On December 22nd, Southwark Council for Community Relations moved to 352-4, Camberwell New Rd, SE5, 274 8793.

They say that they'll be delighted to have you drop in.

SWAP SHOP

The Pickwick Club at Blackfriars Settlement has a freezer for sale at £50. It is in good working order, and is 4' x 2'6" x 2'. Contact 633 0383.

Springboard Southwark wants a vacuum cleaner and a sewing machine. Contact 261 9283.

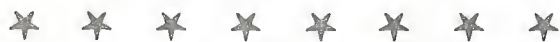
SITS VAC

Finance person wanted for Southwark Women's Aid to work in a women's collective.

Must have experience of book-keeping to final accounts. Other duties include estimates, salaries and negotiation of grants. Experience of voluntary organisations an advantage.

Write or phone for a job description to 6, Relf Road, SE15, 732 2962.

Salary £5,000 pa Closing date Dec 31st.



Springboard Southwark's team of 5 young people who work on adventure playgrounds are looking for indoor work to see them through the cold winter.

They can repaint offices, playgroups etc, draw and paint murals and do simple odd jobs.

Contact their Team Leader, Liz Evans, on 261 9283.

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MONEY -

1. IYDP



It is International Year of the Disabled.

To mark the event Southwark Council Social Services Committee has set £10,000 aside to allocate to organisations.

Southwark Disablement Association are being consulted about the criteria for allocating grants, and a special Joint Policy Group of the Council will make recommendations to the Social Services Committee on applications.

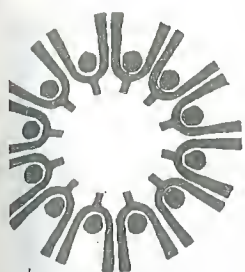
2. BURSARIES

The School for Advanced Urban Studies runs courses on subjects like employment, housing, social welfare, transport, planning & development.

The Joseph Rowntree Trust has now given SAUS money to pay bursaries to people from voluntary organisations to attend these courses.

Contact Robin Means or Randall Smith at SAUS, University of Bristol, Rodney Lodge, Grange Rd., Bristol BS8 4EA, 0272 311117.

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NEWSLETTER

TIN — Rights and the Law

TEENAGE INFORMATION NETWORK
102 HARPER ROAD SE1 403 2444

An Advice, Information and Counselling
Agency for Teenagers and young Adults

is having a

"Rights and the Law Week"

February 9th - 14th

Opening Times

Monday 9th	3.00 - 5.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10th	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Wednesday 11	3.00 - 5.00 p.m.
Thursday 12	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Friday 13	12.00 - 2.00 p.m.
Saturday 14	11.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Information/Displays/Games/Discussions

- * Rights on arrest
- * Court Structure
- * Police Station Procedure
- * Employment Law
- * Care - Supervision orders
- * Juvenile Crime
- * Truancy, expulsion, supervision

Arrangements can be made if you want to
bring a group outside of the above times
Please ring 403 2444.

Thursday 12th 10.00 - 12 noon

An information sharing workshop for
workers introduced by a solicitor
on how to handle writing reports,
going to court with young people etc.

Fundraising

SCVS is trying to gather information
which will be made available to member
organisations, about local trusts.

If you know anything useful please
ring Debbie Newhook on 732 3731.

Media Day

A lot of people in voluntary organisations
and community groups are completely at
a loss when it comes to dealing with the
Media. Without experience it is diff-
icult to attract the right kind of
attention; write a decent Press
release, give an interesting interview,
avoid bad press or counter damaging
publicity.

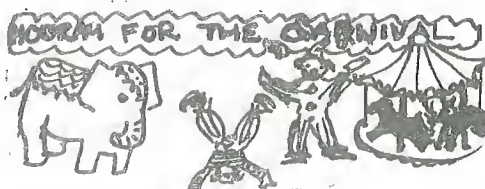
Walworth Cable Radio is planning a
"Media Day" which will include talks,
discussions and practical advice
on such items as the production of
news and current affairs analysis of
interviewing and being interviewed,
writing press releases, Press, radio
and television news, etc. to help
voluntary organisations towards a more
confident and positive approach to
publicity and media coverage in
general.

Provisional dates are 18th or 19th March
If you are interested and would like to
know more, contact Walworth Cable
Radio on 708 1280 or Gillie Sharp at
SCVS on 732 3731.

SCCR- community carnival

Southwark Council for Community Relations
are organising a community carnival and
sports day in Honor Oak Park on 25th
July.

If you or your organisation would like
to help plan the carnival, provide
a stall or display or participate
in any way ring Harcourt Allyn at
SCCR on 274 8793.



HARU TRAINING

The Housing Advice Resource Unit will soon be starting a series of training course for people who give advice on housing in Southwark.

They will be held mainly on Thursday mornings though some take a full day.

They are open to voluntary and statutory workers. There is a small charge, but any organisation which would be prevented from attending by this can discuss it with the Unit.

Topics covered include homelessness, home loss and disturbance payments, rights to repair, security of tenure in private and public rented housing, and many others.

If anyone would like to know more about the training ring or write to Dave Brown at HARU, 135 Rye Lane SE15 on 732 3649.

SCVS meeting room

SCVS has quite a large meeting room which is available in the daytime and evenings for community groups.

Charges

£1 per daytime session (Monday to Friday) for members/non members.

£2 per evening session (Monday to Friday) for members

£5 per evening session (Monday to Friday) for non members

£5 per day - Saturday/Sunday for members

£10 per day- Saturday/Sunday for non members.

To book the room ring SCVS on 732 3731.

Obituary

We regret to tell you that David Cook, the well loved Assistant Director of Southwark Music, passed away suddenly on Friday January 23rd 1981, aged 24 years. The funeral took place at the Crematorium on 4th February. Donations to Southwark Music for the David Cook Memorial Fund.

MEETINGS

WORKING PARTY ON PLAY

The Working Party on Play is planning to hold a pre-Easter meeting of people intending to establish Easter holiday play projects, with a view to sharing ideas and information. Details of the meeting will be announced later, but in the meantime, anyone wanting to know more about the meeting should contact Christine at SCVS, 732 3731.

SOUTH LONDON ACTION ON TRANSPORT

The next meeting of the South London Action on Transport will be on Wednesday 25th February at 8.00 p.m. at the Peckham Action Group Centre, 8 Peckham High Street London SE15.

It will be discussing:

- * what action South London groups can take to defend rail services and press for improvements in them;
- * how to help in the campaign against the Armitage proposals (for heavier lorries)
- * the formation of a South London Action on Transport coordinating committee.

CARNIVAL AGAINST THE CUTS

Fightback in Southwark is holding a Carnival Against the Cuts on Saturday 21st March at All Saints' Church Hall Blenheim Grove SE15 from 1. - 4 p.m.

There will also be a planning meeting on 17th February at 7.00 p.m. at 28 Petworth House, Pytchley Road SE22.

For more information contact Southwark Co-ordinating Committee Against the Cuts c/o Lansbury House 41 Camberwell Grove SE5.

NATIONALITY NIGHT

Many local people will be worried and concerned at the proposals outlined in the Government's plans for a new British Nationality Act, which is likely to be passed soon.

Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre is organising a NATIONALITY NIGHT on February 19th at the Copleston Centre, Copleston Road SE15 at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a short film followed by a discussion to see what we can do locally. For more information contact Jill Manthorpe at the Copleston Centre on 639 8447.



The United Nations has declared 1981 as the International Year of Disabled People. The aims of the Year are:

- * increasing awareness of the needs, abilities and aspirations of disabled people
- * the participation, equality and integration of disabled people
- * the prevention of disability
- * more positive attitudes towards disabled people.

The Year is designed to encourage local activities and initiatives and to educate and inform people about disability.

A steering group has now been set up in Southwark, as the result of a public meeting organised by Southwark Disablement Association. It is aiming to encourage and develop local initiatives for the Year and to publicise local activities

Activities should

- * be designed to promote the aims of the Year, in particular Integration
- * involve both disabled and able bodied people
- * be of lasting value
- * involve organisations working in partnership with each other.

The steering group would like to know of any individuals or groups who are interested in being involved in the Year in some way or have any views or ideas on activities or projects for the Year. Contributions from people with disabilities are particularly welcome.

It also wants to find out what facilities there are for disabled people in Southwark, and what are the views of disabled people and those who work with them on local provision and needs. So if you are involved with or know of any local club or group which is

involved in work with physically or mentally disabled people, the steering group would like to know:

- * what activities and facilities you offer
- * what activities (if any) your group is planning for the Year
- * any ideas you group or users may have in connection with the Year.
- * what kinds of problems or needs your group or users feel should be dealt with.

Information on what is locally available, and any special events for the Year, will be publicised as widely as possible. Please contact Jane Belman SCVS 135 Rye Lane SE15 732 3731.

Course for creche workers

A course for people who work in creches and anyone else who is interested in creche work in any way is to be held at Morley College. Plans for the course are flexible at the moment although it will probably start on 6th March - 1 session per week from 10.00 - 12 noon, and will last for at least a term.

For more details please phone Mr. Foggett at Morley College: 61 Westminster Bridge Road SE1 928 8501.

Benefit Bop

Southwark Child Care Campaign is holding a Benefit Disco on Saturday 21st February from 8 - late at the Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road SE1. Admission: £1.50. For tickets contact Nicky Road on 582 1414 at work or 870 7586 at home.

Minibus Offer

Disabled People's groups in Southwark are being offered the use of a minibus. Mrs. Betty Miller raised £6000 for a minibus for Hamlet House in East Dulwich Hospital and the bus is now being made available to any disabled group in the borough.

The bus is fully insured and will be hired out free to local groups, although donations would be welcome. For more information please contact Mrs. Miller on 693 2524.

Miscellany

WANTED

Housing Resource Advice Unit needs bookshelves. Can afford to pay a little contact 732 3649.

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SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S AID

Interested women are wanted to join a support group for Southwark Women's Aid. For more details contact Chris or Maggie on 274 1313.

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LIBRARY

Wasteland Bulletin, a magazine about the potential uses of urban wasteland by community groups is now being kept in the SCVS library. Anyone wishing to read it should call in at 135 Rye Lane.

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SOUTHWARK INSTITUTE GOVERNOR

Bob Smyth is going to be SCVS's representative on the Board of Governors of Southwark Institute (the renamed Frobisher). If you want to get in touch with him his address is 54 King's Grove Peckham SE15 732 6984.

OLD RAFFLE TICKETS

We have heard that there is a good cause around which can make use of used raffle tickets, but we don't know which it is! If you do, please let Brenda Chubb of Browning Tenants' Association know. Her phone number is 701 5657. Or contact the SCVS office.

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SKILLS TAKE AWAY

There is a skills takeaway organised by the Leisure Centre and Raree Street Theatre Company taking place at the Camgate Centre, 34 Camberwell Road SE5 on February 28th, March 28th, and April 25th. Various activities are going to happen from puppetry to costumes and make up. For more information contact the Leisure Centre on 701 2611.

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ANY WORK

Springboard's Adventure Playground Project are looking for work for the next few weeks. Can do painting/decorating and basic maintenance. Contact Joyce Butcher - Resources Officer on 261 9273

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NEWSLETTER

mental handicap services

At the end of November 1980, King's CHC received a paper from the King's District Management Team outlining plans for the Crystal Palace Project and asking for the CHC's comments.

The main points in the plan were:

1. To provide residential long- and short-term care for 72 mentally handicapped people including those who will leave Darenth Park Hospital when it closes, and those now living at home in Southwark who will need residential care when their families can no longer bear the burden.
2. To provide paramedical, therapeutic, staff-training, and staff-residential facilities on the same site.
3. To provide day facilities for residents and for some non-residents.
4. The estimated capital cost is £55,000 per bed at 1980 prices.
5. Estimated revenue cost is £9,000 per bed p.a. at 1980 prices.
6. The plan would become operational in 1986.

In reply to the planning document, the CHC has itself produced a paper, the main points of which are:

1. Principles. However well-intentioned, the project by its very nature will result in institutionalisation of staff and residents. The document seriously under-estimates the capacity many mentally handicapped adults have of taking responsibility for running their own lives.

2. Location. Invaluable links which mentally handicapped people have made in and around their own homes will be broken. In most cases families and friends will be too far away to continue any of their informal care and support.

3. Time-scale. 1986 is not a very realistic completion date by today's standards but even that means a 5-year delay before families in Southwark can expect any relief from their burden of care, which in some cases is already intolerable.

4. Cost. With so much capital tied up on one site and the annual revenue implications for services for mentally handicapped people so great, it is highly unlikely that there will be any further money available for services for mentally handicapped people in any other part of the King's Health District for many years to come. At present the NHS does not provide any mental handicap services in the King's District.

5. Alternative strategy. With help from professionals who have had experience of community-based residential care projects for all degrees of mental handicap, the King's CHC has proposed an alternative model of care based on the "Core and Cluster" principle.

If you would like a copy of the King's CHC paper outlined above or if they can help in any way, please contact the CHC Secretary at 75 Denmark Hill, SE5. tel: 703 9498.

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Meanwhile, in Guy's Health District, the District Management Team has produced a report recommending far-reaching changes in services for mentally handicapped people.

These include a recognition of the importance of mentally handicapped people having responsibility over their own lives and not being cut off from the community.

Here, community-based residential care on a "core and cluster" model is being proposed by the D.M.T.

The report is available from Anne Bosanquet, Guy's Health District, Mary Sheridan House, St. Thomas Street, SE1, tel: 407 7600 ext. 3566.

Guy's CHC is at present considering the report and formulating a view. Their tel. no. is 403 3012.

HEALTH WORKSHOP

A Day Workshop on "Community health initiatives in the Inner City" will be held on Thursday 2nd April from 10am -4.15pm at International Students House, 229 Gt. Portland St., W1.

Programme includes review of government health policy; primary health care health and community work; ethnic minorities; funding. Fee £5 for voluntary groups, £10 for statutory.

Details from Caroline Smith, N.C.V.O. Inner Cities Unit, 26 Bedford Square, WC1. Closing date March 19th.

WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE WEEK

Southwark Women's Aid informs us that from March 29th to April 4th there will be a week of action on the theme of Domestic Violence.

Any women interested in participating in the week are welcome to come to a meeting on March 3rd at the SCVS Offices, 135 Rye Lane, SE15, at 6.30pm

This is a national campaign, but we are also organising around the local issues of South London.

GALA DAY

Southwark Entertainments is holding a Gala Day on Peckham Rye on Saturday 6th June 1981; a Gala Weekend at Belair, Gallery Road, Dulwich on Sat./Sun. 20th-21st June 1981; and a Sports Festival at Southwark Park, SE16, on Sat./Sun. 25th-26th July 1981.

Local groups can apply for sites for displays/side-shows for their own fund-raising. No political displays, jumble sales, or white elephant stalls are allowed.

Application forms and details from Entertainments, Municipal Offices, 28 Peckham Road, SE5, tel: 703 6311 ext. 345. Closing date 20th April for June events; 22nd June for July event.

WACAT MEDIA DAY

The Walworth and Aylesbury Community Arts Trust "Media Day" is now to be held on Thursday April 16th 1981, A Day Forum on "The Voluntary Sector and the Media" is being held at SCVS: details from SCVS (732 3731) or from W.A.C.A.T. (701 9010).

FREE PAINT

I.C.I. is donating paint worth £30,000 to voluntary groups nationally who are undertaking painting projects for the benefit of the community. Also - cash awards to 15 project groups which are deemed to produce the most creative and worthwhile work, and a £500 award to the group putting forward the best project for the disabled.

Details and application forms from Dulux Community Projects, Welbeck Ltd., 84 Baker Street, W1, tel. 486 8561. Closing date: 31/5/81.

SCVS LIBRARY

SCVS is trying to build up a library of information and publications of interest to members (e.g. Community Action, New Society, Newsletters).

If people want to come in and see what we have available, they are very welcome to do so. Any suggestions as to how the library might be organised will also be received with interest.

STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS.....

PREMISES REQUIRED URGENTLY

Springboard Southwark urgently needs space for its craft project; .project making aids for the disabled; and an office. Each team consists of six people and the two projects can be accommodated either separately or under one roof. Any possibilities; please ring Martin Isaacs 261 9273

PREMISES OFFERED

St Peters Church, Dulwich Common, is now being offered for community use. It is a large building and would lend itself well to internal subdivision. It needs some money spent on it.

St Phillips Church Hall Avondale Sq. SE1 is a good sized hall with stage available and kitchen and toilet facilities. At the moment it is very underused. It has a smaller hall adjoining it, which can be used separately or in conjunction with the big hall.

For more information about either of these halls contact Mike Cantor Town Hall 703 6311

DUPLICATOR FOR SALE

Secondhand Roneo electric. ring Jean Martin 633 6874 or 633 8171 day; or 672 5804 eve.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Inter Action Trust are holding a day course on Sat Mar 14th for voluntary groups at 15 Wilkin St. NW5 Fee £5 Details ring 485 0881

BENEFIT DANCE

Sat Mar 27th Disco/social in aid of SCCR's sports day and carnival in July. Cambridge House. 7p.m. till late. Tickets 40p from SCCR or SCVS





GRANTS AVAILABLE

Southwark Social Services Committee has set aside £10,000 for grants to local organisations to mark the International Year of Disabled People.

Local voluntary organisations operating within the borough of Southwark can apply for one-off grants by submitting schemes which either encourage the integration of disabled people in the community, or aim to make disabled people more self-reliant.

In order to be eligible for a grant the schemes should have long-term practical value.

The criteria have been agreed with the Southwark Disablement Association. The grants are for 1981 only: on-going funding is not available.

Applications should be made to the Director of Social Services, Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1, marked for the attention of Jenny Webb, Liaison Officer. All applications must reach the Department by March 31st. It is hoped that a final decision will be made at the end of April.

LOVE WALK HOSTEL

Love Walk is an old-established hostel for disabled workers, who produce goods of a high quality. They are having an Open Day on Saturday 11th April - opened by the Mayor at 11am.

Displays and sale of work, refreshments, photographic display covering the history of the hostel. Open till 5pm.

CLUB FOR BLIND

There are vacancies for older blind or partially sighted people at Blackfriars Settlement Club for the Blind. It's open all day Tuesdays and Fridays.

Various activities; lunch provided. Transport can be arranged. People with any degree of visual handicap welcome. Contact Winnie Lewis on 286 5812.

HAYS WHARF

The Public Inquiry into the Kuwaiti Investment Bank's Hay's Wharf proposals is expected to open on March 10th.

Mr. P.S. Maynard has been appointed Inspector: it will be his job to recommend to Secretary of State Michael Heseltine whether the 900,000 sq. ft. office-development scheme should be approved. Local community groups are objecting strongly to the scheme.

In naming the date for the Inquiry to begin, the Department of the Environment has broken the rules regarding public inquiries. Objectors are entitled normally to 42 days' notice of an Inquiry to prepare their case, and to get papers about the Inquiry 28 days beforehand. However, there appears to be no effective remedy when the DoE itself breaks the Inquiry rules of procedure.

North Southwark Community Development Group are co-ordinating objections: if you are interested in helping them contact Ros Nash or Theresa McDonagh on 928 6476. NSCDG are also asking their supporters to attend the first day of the Inquiry if they can - 9.30am, on 10th March 1981, at the Chapter House, St. Thomas Street, SE1.

S LONDON ACTION ON TRANSPORT

Are you concerned about heavy lorries, or the decline in local public transport facilities? South London Action on Transport (S.L.A.T.) would like to hear from you if so. If you'd like to be involved in a co-ordinating committee or to be on their mailing list, contact S.L.A.T. c/o 60 Nutbrook Street, SE15.

SOUTHWARK MUSIC

Can you sing or play an instrument?

Southwark Music may have a place for you in their concert band, orchestra, or singing group. There is also a youth orchestra, chorus, and band.

Tuition is available in singing and in all instruments. Contact Denis Coleman, 201a Honor Oak Road, Forest Hill, SE23, tel: 699 3309.

Miscellany



Southwark Pensioners Action Group needs a typewriter. Does anyone have one they could offer for free, or at a very low price?

If so, please contact Ian Adams on 701 1038.

Alcohol Counselling Service and the Camberwell Council on Alcoholism have moved to 34 Electric Lane, SW9 8JT. ACS Open Day March 10th from 2pm. ACS's new telephone no. is 737 3579/0.

Cambridge House have offices to let. If interested, contact them at 131 Camberwell Road, SE5, tel: 703 5025.

Over 50's Club events at the Leisure Centre, Elephant & Castle:
Wednesdays 12.30pm: Swimming
Saturdays 10am-12 noon: Yoga, Table Tennis, Dancing
OAP's £2.50 a year...

There are some items of office furniture (stationery cupboards, desks, filing cabinets) on offer from the Housing Department. Please ring Gillie Sharp at SCVS on 732 3731 (Tuesday or Wednesdays) for details.

The Society of Voluntary Associates is having its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 20th May 1981 at Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre, SW1, at 6.30pm.

The speaker will be the Honourable Justice May.

Southwark Nature Conservation Group asks anyone interested in preserving or creating wildlife habitats in the borough to contact Cllr. Bob Smyth at Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.

Helpers are needed urgently for the 11th Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Carnival to be held in Southwark Park on June 27th-28th. Help is needed on one or both days, for running stalls, marshalling events, etc.

Ring Ray Blanchard on 703 7758 (work) or 732 9675 (home) if you can help.

The Wasteland Forum is trying to advise and inform local voluntary agencies concerned with the utilisation of urban wasteland. It now publishes the 'Wasteland Bulletin', available from Wasteland Forum, N.C.V.O., 26 Bedford Square, WC1 (copy in SCVS library).

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NEWSLETTER

Good neighbours needed

A number of housebound people in Southwark are having to do without emergency alarms simply because they aren't in touch with a neighbour who'd be willing to help in a crisis.

Southwark Community Alarms Partnership Scheme aims to allocate alarms to housebound people who are at risk so that they can call for help in an emergency.

The scheme relies on each handicapped person having three local volunteers who are willing to be contacted if the need arises.

At the moment some people urgently need an alarm but don't have able-bodied friends or relations nearby. So they are having to wait till local volunteers can be identified.

IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR AREA WHO COULD HELP? Being a neighbourhood volunteer isn't difficult: they are not required to be "on duty", simply willing to be called out from home when really needed.

Volunteers are needed all over the borough, but especially in the Rotherhithe area.

Anyone who can help should contact Ian Harris on 703 5841 or write to him at St. Giles' Centre, 81 Camberwell Church Street SE5 for more details.

bus wanted

A number of local playgroups are having difficulty arranging summer outings for their members this year because of transport problems. If anyone knows where a coach or bus can be borrowed or hired *cheaply*, please phone Judith Koetter of Save the Children Fund on 732 2544.

NHS democracy

The next in the series of meetings between members of the two local Community Health Councils and interested voluntary organisations will be at 6.30 on May 19th at Guy's CHC.

The topic for discussion will be "Democracy in the National Health Service", and will focus on the plans for reorganisation in April 1982.

All voluntary organisations are welcome to attend: this is your chance to meet and influence your representatives on the CHC!

Guy's CHC is at Francis House, King's Head Yard, Borough High St. SE1. For further information about the meeting, contact Jane Belman at SCVS, 732 3731.

ACTSS acts

Southwark Branch of the Association of Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Staffs is organising a Day of Action against Southwark Council cuts to non-statutory organisations in the borough.

The day will be Wednesday April 29th.

More details from the ACTSS Branch Secretary, Mick Greenwood, on 231 9166 (work number).

Meanwhile we are enclosing a copy of the ACTSS petition. Please return the completed forms to SCVS, who will pass them on to ACTSS.

Holiday Playschemes

Are you intending to run or be involved in a playscheme during the summer holiday period this year?

If so you are invited to attend a meeting called by the SCVS Working Party on Play at 135 Rye Lane SE15 at 7.30 on Wednesday May 6th.

Why not come along and meet the other workers and helpers as well as staff from Southwark Youth Office? There will be opportunities to swap ideas, check resources available in the borough and find out about training possibilities.

If you're unable to attend the meeting, we'd still like to hear about your scheme.

More information from Christine at SCVS, 732 3731.

Blendon playground

Blendon Row Adventure Playground now offers a bike workshop, a woodwork night and silkscreen printing facilities, a arts, crafts, games etc in the hut, as well as the adventure playground itself.

Over the Easter and Summer holidays they will be providing a comprehensive playscheme with days out, camping trips, and so on.

They would like parents and other local people to get involved with the play schemes and children and teenagers to come and use the playground, which is off East Street in Walworth.

More information - including opening hours - from Jay or Pete on 703 2597.

Any equipment you could provide would also be greatly welcomed.



As part of the local programme for the International Year for Disabled People, there will be 6 Holiday Craft Workshops at the Camgate Centre this year.

Handicapped and able-bodied children between 8 and 16 years old are welcome

to attend one or more of the following workshops:

Masks and Make-up	22nd April
Printing	27th May
Puppets	5th August
Clay and Plaster	12th August
Woodwork	19th August
Totems and Banners	26th August

All the workshops are free, and will be held at the Camgate Centre, Camberwell Road, SE5 between 10.15 and 4.00.

More details and application forms from Janet Dalglish at the Centre, 701 2611.

BUSK Workshop

BUSK (Back-up Service for Kith and Kids) is "a group of volunteers actively involved in the social integration of the handicapped child within the community".

It is holding a workshop on "Volunteers: the Challenge" at the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead on Saturday May 9th from 10 to 5. The cost is £1.

The workshop will discuss the work of a wide range of volunteer groups. It is open to volunteers and those who wish to be, volunteer organisers, parents, professionals and others interested in services for handicapped people.

More information and application forms from 360 5621, 346 5152 or 889 7048.

Workcamps

Each summer the Christian Movement for Peace organises a number of international workcamps in Europe and North America.

They are now looking for possible projects for summer 1981. They'd like to know if CMP could help the work of any organisations by an international workcamp.

In Britain these usually include a mixture of social and manual work, such as playschemes for children, work in psychiatric hospitals, renovating a community centre. Some have a study theme too; but CMP are open to all ideas.

Sponsors are expected to contribute food and lodging (minimum cost of

SITUATIONS VACANT

Workers wanted by SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S AID collective.
Women who have lived in refuges are encouraged to
apply. Job sharing considered. Salary £5000
under review. For further details please contact
Southwark Women's Aid
6 Relf Road
London SE15
Telephone: 732 2962/732 1986.
Closing Date: 10th April 1981

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

needs a part time administrator for 2 - 2½ days per week.
Salary. £6000 (full time) approx.
For further information contact SCVS,
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Telephone: 732 3731
Closing Date: 20th April 1981

The SCVS office will be closed all day on Wednesday 8th April 1981
for a staff outing.

THE MEDIA DAY jointly sponsored by Walworth and Aylesbury Community
Arts Trust and SCVS is now really going to be held on Thursday
23rd April 1981 at the SCVS office. For more information contact
either SCVS on 732 3731 or WACAT on 701 9010.

There is a very limited number of places, so apply as soon as possible
to avoid disappointment.

WALWORTH AND AYLESBURY COMMUNITY ARTS TRUST

have available for hire over weekends our Activities Centre. There is
a coffee bar area on one floor which has facilities to seat approx. 25 people
and a hall below, approx. 20 x 35 ft equipped with basic stage lighting and rostra.
Also available are video, photography and recording equipment together with
people who can use or instruct people how to use the equipment.
We also have amplifiers and equipment to provide creche facilities.
The centre is on the Aylesbury Estate, near East Street SE17.
Cost is negotiable on application to Amarida, Paul or Rosie on 703 0415.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Greenwich, Lewisham and Southwark Samaritans have moved from Lewisham Way
to 362 NEW CROSS ROAD SE14. Their phone number is the same : 692 5228.

ON OFFER

We know of 18 filing cabinets in good working order that are available.
If you would like one or more contact the SCVS office on 732 3731.



food is £8.40 per person per week) and make a contribution to administrative costs, maximum £35. Camps usually last 2 to 3 weeks.

More information from Alison Clayburn, 692 8794.

SOUTHWARK CYCLISTS

Southwark Cyclists promotes the interests of cyclists in Southwark, largely through links with Southwark Council - for example, it has a seat on the Road Safety Committee.

Since July 1977, when it was founded, it has submitted evidence to the Mid/South Southwark District Plan, produced a route map for cyclists to help them avoid the Elephant and Castle roundabout and campaigned for the right to cycle in the Rye Lane bus lane and in Burgess Park.

It also runs a Saturday workshop for ailing machines and organises social events which involve real ale (wheel ale?).

Annual subscription £1 to the treasurer, Frank Howarth, 66 Copleston Road SE15, telephone 639 6980. More details from the secretary, Peter Eyres, 55 Ansdell Road, SE15, telephone 639 1740.

Housing News

The "Home Energy Fact Bank" is the latest in a series of Fact Banks

It gives "instant information" on paying for fuel, what to do if you're threatened with disconnection, how to make the most of your heating system, etc. - all on over 200 colour coded cards.

Copies are £3.95, p&p £1.25, and the updating service £1.

Orders to Education for Neighbourhood Change, School of Education, Nottingham University, Nottingham NG7 2RD

HARU

The SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit has publicising the availability of housing advice in Southwark as one of its functions.

We will therefore be happy to help any agency in Southwark which gives advice on housing with their publicity.

If you are interested, ring David Brown on 732 3649.

MESSAGE HOME

Message Home offers a confidential Answerphone Service (799 7662) for people, especially young people, who are missing from home and who want to get a message to their relatives.

The message is delivered personally by clergy or Mothers' Union members in the relatives' areas.

Message Home would welcome help in publicising the scheme and distributing their eye-catching orange cards. These cards are available from Mrs M. Brundrett The Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese Committee for Social Concern, 67 Harewood Gardens, Sanderstead, S. Croydon CR2 9BU.

ABBEEYFIELD

The Abbeyfield Camberwell Society has accommodation available for 4 elderly residents in shared houses in the Camberwell and Nunhead areas.

In case the Abbeyfield Society is new to you, here is an extract from its current leaflet:

"Abbeyfield is a way in which elderly and lonely men and women of every background can find comfort, security and friendship...

Most of us grow up in the companionship of a family group and our lives develop from the strength and security of this base.

But many who are growing old no longer have this personal security.

Abbeyfield provides for them ordinary family sized houses where 6 or 7 can live together with a resident housekeeper.

Residents each have a bedsitting room which they furnish and look after themselves. Charges vary widely from house to house and area to area. However, the average charge is around £35 per week."

If you want application forms or more information, contact one of:

Philip Almeida	733 8785
Mary Coughtrey	639 7480
Margaret Devlin	274 9560
Mary Rose Seldon	703 4427
Isla Sharman	703 4427
Marjorie Storey	274 5233
Terence Woolley	639 7009

Video at WACAT

Walworth and Aylesbury Community Arts Trust (WACAT) can teach you to use video equipment within an hour!

Use it for playing back at once, or for making programmes about your group's activities - video can be useful and fun at the same time. WACAT suggests that groups could use it for public meetings, at the workplace, school or local pub, at neighbourhood centres, social functions or union meetings.

You can show members of your group how they look in situations like job interviews by recording role plays, or set up a TV studio at your local youth club.

Hire of the equipment is £10 a day, but lower charges may be possible for neighbourhood groups.

If you are interested in finding out how *you* could use video, ring Pip de Salis or Caroline Mitchell on 701 9010 or write to them at Office "A", Chartridge, Westmoreland Street, Aylesbury Estate SE17.



WAR GAME

Your chance to see "The War Game"!

The film the BBC has banned for over 15 years is now down your way. You can't afford to miss it.

7.30 on Wed. May 13th at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5.

See it - before it's too late.

«Training Action»

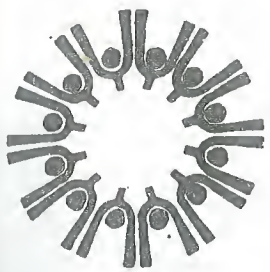
The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) is launching a new periodical, "Training Action", which, NCVO says, "will be of interest to everyone involved in the provision of training in the personal social services and community development both statutory and voluntary".

It will cover good practice, gaps in provision, equipment and visual aids, information about events, funding etc.

The first three issues, in March, May and July, will be free. From September it will cost £3 per year to NCVO members and affiliated local organisations, £6 to others.

Order from NCVO, 26 Bedford Square WC1B 3HU, telephone 636 4066.

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URBAN AID RESULTS

7 of Southwark's time-expired urban aid projects have been awarded new grants by the Department of the Environment under urban programme circular 21. They are :-

The Walworth Project (LBS)
Michael Faraday Adventure Playground
Rockingham Adventure Playground
Peckham Adventure Playground
Mint Street Adventure Playground
Scylla Road Day Nursery (LBS)
Tenda Road Day Nursery (LBS)

As expected, the new grants will not cover the full costs of the 3 local authority projects included in this list, and the LBS Social Services Department has already made provision in its budget for maintaining services at the 2 day centres. However, the DoE has awarded the Walworth project £35,000 instead of £43,000 it applied for. Since the application submitted by the local authority was already well below the cost of sustaining the project at its current staffing levels, the implications in terms of its services are not yet clear. Despite these difficulties, the urban aid grant does at least ensure that the project's important contribution to advice and

community work services in the borough will not be lost entirely - which will come as a relief to the very many local groups and individuals who value the Walworth Project's work but feared that it would be forced to close completely in 1981.

Along with renewed funding for these 7 time-expired projects, urban aid grants are also to be made to the following new projects :-

Dachwyng Family Centre
Peckham CAB
'Southwark Adventure Playgrounds and Playschemes' (this was a composite application based on requests for relatively small grants from : Blendon Row Adventure Playground, Frederick Adventure Playground, Grimwade Crescent Playscheme, and Southwark Mothers and Toddlers Clubs).

These results mean that 8 of the projects approved were among the 11 projects given top priority by the voluntary sector through the SCVS consultation exercise undertaken last year. But no grant has been awarded to our no. 4 priority, the Southwark Disablement Association, which is especially disappointing in this International Year of Disabled People.

SCVS STAFF CUT—HOW IT MAY AFFECT YOU

As most members will know, SCVS's services to voluntary organisations are still threatened as a result of the cut in grant made by the LBS General Purposes & Finance Committee in 1980/81. Despite some progress having been made to reduce the shortfall in our budget, the Executive Committee has been forced to implement a reduction in SCVS staffing levels. One of the two full-time fieldwork posts is to be cut and replaced by a part-time one from mid May, and further cuts will have to be faced unless more income can be identified before September.

Every effort is being made to head off the need for further cuts and to reinstate normal staffing levels as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, SCVS staff will do their best to respond as usual to requests for help from the generality of voluntary groups; and where specific service reductions have to be made, member organisations affected by the them will be informed as soon as possible.

Walworth inprint

Since the recent closure of 'SE1', 'Walworth Inprint' is now Southwark's only community newspaper. Started 2½ years ago, it is now well established and has a monthly readership of 3 - 4,000 in the SE17 area.

Our main interest is obviously Walworth but we do carry borough-wide news which affects our readers. If you have any news items or if you wish to publicise an event then don't forget to let us know in advance.

The paper is run on a collective basis and open to anyone who wishes to contribute. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in helping, do come along. You can help by typing, writing articles, taking photographs or doing paste-up. We will teach you if you have no previous experience.

Paste-up is usually the last weekend of the month and there are 2 Tuesday evening editorial meetings before that.

Send any correspondence to Walworth Inprint, 69 Balfour Street, SE17, or ring Francis on 708 1280

scvs library

The following are available at SCVS :

- * Fundraising - a handbook for Minority Groups, published by the Commission for Racial Equality.
- * Details of NCVO short courses in management.
- * Programme of BBC Radio and TV Adult Education publications and programmes.
- * NCVO Report "Voluntary Organisations and Intermediate Treatment".

unemployment conference

The Community Work Alliance are holding a conference on May 29th on "Unemployment - What community workers can do about it." Admission is free, venue - Christchurch, Colombo Street. SE1. Details : c/o CRU, 18 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, E2 9PF. tel: 980 6263.

OUT OF SCHOOL

The BASSAC conference on Out of School Provision held in October last year produced the following resolution :-

"Recognising that neither Central Government nor most local authorities have given more than a token response to the need, calls on :-

Central Government to respond to the lead given by community groups on this issue;

Local authorities to investigate the need in their own areas, and to adopt a programme of work to meet it, both within their own services and through grants and other facilities for community groups;

And on all organisations concerned with "out-of-school" provision to campaign to try to make this happen."

Members of the Working Party on Play would like to hear from any group or individual with any comments on the above resolution, any ideas or plans for campaigning around the issue, etc.

Please contact Christine at SCVS office.

DOCKLANDS CAMPAIGN

Southwark Docklands Campaign was set up last October to oppose the setting up of the Urban Development Corporation in the Surrey Docks area, as the campaign believes that it will not develop the area in the interests of local people, and will take away their democratic rights.

The campaigns aims are:

i) To increase awareness in Southwark's Docklands about plans and proposals for the area, including the UDC.

ii) To secure the redevelopment of Southwark's Docklands in the interests of local people.

iii) To involve local people in planning environmental, transport and redevelopment issues affecting their area.

If you or your organisation want to know more, contact them at 190 Southwark Park Rd SE16 tel: 231 2472.

heating cuts campaign

Despite opposition from tenants, Town Hall unions, District Housing Cttes. and others, the Housing Committee approved the following proposals for Southwark Council Estates on Apr 14th.

- i) Cut the temperature of hot water from 65C to 55C
- ii) switch off heating between 11p.m. and 6a.m.
- iii) supply regular heating only from Nov 1st to Mar 31st.

For information on the campaign against these cuts contact Bob Southwell tel: 703 2975.

guide for employers

AVAILABLE AT SCVS OFFICE - a leaflet entitled: Responsibilities as an Employer, which will tell you all you need to know if you are in the position of employing someone.

The leaflet covers employees' rights, conditions of service, how to write a letter of appointment, employers' liability, and so on. It includes a list of useful organisations and publications.

Contact Debbie at SCVS.

Meet your CHCs

The next meeting between members of the two local Community Health Councils and voluntary organisations is NOT on the reorganisation of the Health Service, as stated in the last newsletter, but on maternity services.

The date remains Tuesday, May 19th at 6.30 pm., and the venue at Guy's CHC, Francis House, Kings Head Yard, Borough High Street, SE1.

See enclosed poster for details, or contact Jane Belman at SCVS.

cultural evening

Dachwyng Parents Association are holding a cultural evening on Friday, May 22nd, 7 to 11 pm., North Peckham Civic Centre. Songs, dance, music, poetry, craft, steel bands. Tickets - £2.00 for adults; £1.00 for children, from Nel Clarke, tel : 732 2579

IYDP



ADVICE AGENCIES

Southwark Libraries are compiling a booklist for disabled people, and want to include information about access and opening hours of advice agencies in Southwark.

Please contact : Esther Gibson, Administrative Offices, 20-22 Lordship Lane, SE22. tel : 693 9221.

DESIGN

There is an exhibition being held at the Design Centre till June 20th to examine the role of design in helping the disabled, and to stimulate better design.

Details : Design Council, 28 Haymarket, SW1. tel : 839 8000.

CHURCHES

The Working Group concerned with the Religious Life of Disabled People have produced a leaflet on how the churches can encourage the participation and integration of disabled people.

Details : Jane at SCVS.

Non Asian information

Directory of Information Material in Non-Asian Languages : lists leaflets/books covering advice services, education, immigration, health, housing, rights, etc., in Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Greek, Turkish and other languages. 70p (inc. p.&p.) from Migrant Services Unit, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street NW1. tel : 388 0241

GP & F CUTS

The last meeting of Southwark Council's General Purposes and Finance Committee decided not to cut £5,000 from its budget for grants to voluntary organisations after all. At least not yet. While the proposal for this £5,000 cut may be considered again later in the year, the Committee's expressed determination to try to avoid reducing the budget comes as a relief to those organisations already facing severe difficulties as a result of the Committee's previous cuts.

Swap Shop

A DESK IS WANTED at the Copleston Children's Centre.

Please contact Judith Koetter 732 2544

Treasurer hunt

The Community Drug Project needs a Treasurer, preferably a qualified accountant. Would involve attending finance committee and management committee meetings (daytime), advising the administrator from time to time, and helping to draw up budgets.

Contact Stuart Banks. tel : 703 0559 (day)

Help needed

Volunteers for house-to-house and street collecting for the Red Cross Week, 3rd to 9th May, and for Flag Day - May 9th.

Contact : Mrs. Gigg, tel: 693 4512

SELF HELP

The Observer is sponsoring a book on self-help and co-operative schemes which will describe projects and give guidance to readers who want to start a mutual aid project themselves. It will include, for example, community radio, transport, newspapers, playschemes, work, housing, purchasing co-ops, community associations, any kind of self-help group, etc. They want existing schemes to give them information about their activities, and copies of their publications.

Contact : Elizabeth Gundrey, Allen & Unwin, 40 Museum Street, WC1.
tel: 405 8577.

Friends of the Earth

A Southwark branch of Friends of the Earth was formed last month. The group intends to concentrate initially on a recycling campaign. Anyone interested should contact : Tom Ruffles c/o 5 Court Lane, SE21. tel: 693 4418 (evenings).

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MORE URBAN AID

Last month we reported that 10 Southwark schemes had been awarded grants under Urban Aid Circular 21. Readers will remember that a major disappointment in those results was that the Southwark Disablement Association had not received a grant.

Credit must go to Southwark Council for pursuing the matter, and changing all that. Outraged by the fact that in International Year of Disabled People neither of the two projects in the disablement field put forward by Southwark had been funded, the Council challenged the D.o.E. on the subject.

The two projects concerned were the Southwark Disablement Association and

Facilities for Living and Assessment Together, a voluntary-sector residential scheme.

The D.o.E.'s response was interesting to say the least. They had in fact intended to give a grant to S.D.A., but had forgotten to mention it! And the decision on F.L.A.T. was reconsidered. So congratulations to both projects on getting grants after all.

(SCVS will shortly be circulating to member organisations a full analysis of the final outcome of the voluntary sector consultations on this phase of Urban Aid.)

DISTRAINT GOES

Southwark Council has decided to "immediately cease to use the process of distraint for the collection of rent arrears." The motion was passed at April's full Council meeting (actually adjourned until May).

Distraint (or distress, its legal name) dates from a statute of 1267. In its present-day form, it allows Councils to employ certificated bailiffs to seize the goods of tenants in rent arrears and sell them, without first having to take the tenant to Court.

The policy was controversial from the start when it was passed in 1978. In 1979, the Southwark Group of Tenant Associations produced a report which asserted that distraint was not being used according to the Council's rules, and that mistakes were inevitable while the policy continued in force.

In fact, Southwark Council never actually used distraint. The complaints were about the way the threat of distraint was used.

The report also claimed that only one-third of tenants eligible for rent rebates actually received them. This point has of course been tackled by the Council through its recent publicity drive on rent and rate rebates.

Although Southwark Council has now abandoned distraint, other councils continue to use it. The Law Commission, SHELTER, and the National Tenants' Organisation have all called on it to be banned.

Indeed, in 1979 both the Labour and Conservative Governments planned to outlaw its use, but the final Housing Bill published that year (now the Housing Act 1980) omitted the reform.

PUBLICATIONS

"Sparing Time - the Observer Guide to Helping Others" by Elizabeth Bundrey. This book describes voluntary work with the physically and mentally handicapped, children, families, the elderly, prisoners, the homeless, immigrants and refugees.

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"Sparing Time" is sponsored by the Observer and published by Unwin Paperbacks, cost £2.25. Copies can be obtained from The Finance Officer The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB

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Cambridge House has produced a paper "Comprehensive community services for the Mentally Handicapped", which was submitted in evidence to the working party on the role and tasks of social workers initiated by the DHSS. Copies available at 50p each + 9"x6" s.a.e. Cheques payable to Ian Banner c/o Cambridge House 131 Camberwell Road SE5.

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The Charity Commission has produced a list of the responsibilities of charity trustees, as charities are not always fully aware of them. Advice on particular problems concerning their functions can be obtained from the Charity Commissioners at the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, St James's, London SW1 6AH

## STREET COLLECTIONS

Last year charities raised £1.12 million through organising street collections in London. Organising a street collection is a major undertaking and there are proper procedures to be followed. London Council for Voluntary Service' Information Service have produced a leaflet, with the help of the Secretary of the Metropolitan Police Street collections Advisory Committee, setting out what is involved in organising fundraising of this kind and this can be obtained from LVSC, 68 Chalton Street London NW1

Application forms, copies of regulations and information concerning major and local street collections and house to house collections may be obtained from A4(3) Branch, Metropolitan Police Office New Scotland Yard London SW1.

## CREDIT UNION

Are you looking for a cheap loan? Why not consider the Credit Union?

A credit union is a savings and loan co-operative which lends money to its members at 1% per month on a reducing balance. So for example, if you borrow £100 repaid in 12 months this will cost you around £6.50 - which compares favourably with a high street bank or building society.

Interested? Then why not come along to Camberwell Credit Union, St. Giles Parish Hall Benhill Road SE5 any Friday evening about 8.00 p.m.

## BOOKFAIR

The third annual Peckham Community Bookfair will be held on 11th - 13th June 1981.

Events include poetry - readings, storytellers, steel bands, clowns, musical performers, street theatre and lots, lots more.

Books on display will relate to the daily concerns of local people and the community with attention to the many cultures which contribute to it.

The Fair will be held at the Camden Tenants Association Hall, Camden Estate Peckham SE15

## LIBRARY

The following are available at S.C.V.S.:

- \*List of provision for pre-school children in Southwark.
- \*Writing Plain English - a guide for writers of official forms and everyone addicted to jargon.
- \*New Internationalist - a lively magazine discussing world development issues.

## NUNHEAD FESTIVAL

June is Nunhead Festival time! - a month of many events, big and small, arranged by local groups and organisations, and co-ordinated by the Nunhead Forum.

Detailed programmes are available from Nunhead Library (Gordon Road), St. Antony's Church (Nunhead Lane) and the Southwark Institute (Whorlton Road).



# IYDP

Holiday Care Service provides holiday information, including transport, accommodation, facilities for the elderly, disabled persons, and other disadvantaged groups. Backed by the travel industry and some voluntary organisations. Contact at 2 Old Bank Chambers, Station Road, Horley, Surrey, RH6 9HW. Tel. 02934-74535.

## Disabled Theatre Group

A performance of 'The Public Lives of Hodge' will be held on Saturday June 20th, 2p.m., at the Aylesbury Day Centre. It's organised by Southwark Social Services - tickets from Liaison Section, Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1, tel. 703 6363.

The Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled ex-Servicemen are appealing for Army, Navy and RAF badges, medals, buttons, crests, etc., for resale to raise funds. Send to Appeals Director, Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6RR.

## EMPLOYMENT UNIT

SCVS Employment Unit has been successful in obtaining renewal of its MSC funding. Approval has been given for us to recruit a supervisor and second CEP worker to continue the work supporting and developing Southwark Unemployed People's Action. In addition we have also gained funding to recruit three other CEP workers to offer specific assistance to member agencies on employment matters. It is a condition of union approval for this scheme that the CEP workers should be paid London Weighting, therefore we are having to look to the member agencies where the workers will be placed for about £1000. Discussions are proceeding with three agencies on the possibility of placements but the posts have not yet been filled so if you or your organisation might be interested please contact us a.s.a.p. - details back page.

## SWAP SHOP

Needed - an old radio, preferably in good working order (e.g. it doesn't matter if the valves are gone). No transistors please. Contact: Sylvan at Pitt Street Settlement, 191/195 East Surrey Grove SE15, Tel 701 0835.

Needed - 8 x 4 yards of carpet or lino to cover a concrete floor. Contact: Pitt Street Settlement, address and telephone number above.

Social Services Area 8 office has shop-front space for publicity/displays by voluntary organisations. For more information contact Hugh Morrison, 703 0941.

## DAY OF ACTION

A petition bearing over 5000 signatures was presented to the Council on 29th April, asking for the cuts to voluntary organisations to be reversed. Most of the signatures were collected on a single day by members of the ACTSS trade union.

## APOLOGY

We must apologise to our readers for wrongly reporting the decision of Southwark's Housing Committee on the cuts in estate heating.

We were informed that the Committee had passed the Director of Housing's report which had previously prompted the campaign by Heygate Pensioners and others.

What we did not know was that the Director had asked the Committee for permission to amend his report before it was considered.

Instead of heating being cut off between 11p.m. and 6a.m. it will be reduced by 5°C (9°F), and exceptions will be made in severe weather.

We also did not mean to imply in our report that heating outside November to March will not exist. It will, but will be varied according to the weather, and the target minimum temperatures may not be achieved in some circumstances.



SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE  
EMPLOYMENT UNIT SEEKS:

SUPERVISOR: £6063 p.a. including L.W.  
ADMIN WORKER £5355 p.a. including L.W.

4 COMMUNITY WORK/EMPLOYMENT WORKERS £5231  
(under MSC Community Enterprise Programme)

1 Supervisor and 1 Worker to assist  
a local unemployed action group

1 Worker to be seconded to work on  
women's employment

2 other Employment Workers to assist member agencies in Southwark

Applicants (except Supervisor) should be over 18 and registered unemployed 6 months (1 year if over 25). Previous relevant experience desirable.

Apply to SCVS 135 Rye Lane SE15

Tel. 732 3731 for details  
732 5727 for informal discussion.

Southwark Disablement Association aims to bring together all groups interested in working with and for disabled people in the borough. It's a newly-established organisation and has now received funding under Urban Aid.

It therefore needs 3 workers to launch the project:

1. Full-time General Secretary.  
Salary currently £5962 + £915 London Weighting.
2. Full-time Disablement Advice  
Resource Worker. Salary currently  
£5962 + £915 London Weighting.
3. Part-time Administrative Secretary.  
Salary currently £2254 + £451 London  
Weighting.

For more details and application forms,  
please contact Miss P. Sherre, 175 Friern  
Road, SE22. Tel. no. 693 6020.  
Closing date:- June 12th.

The Southwark Project for the Mentally Handicapped is creating community based resources for families with mentally handicapped members. The successful applicant will work closely with the Project Community Worker.:

We have recently obtained urban aid funding to develop work with mentally handicapped young people in Southwark. We are looking for a qualified/experienced youth worker capable of breaking new ground.

The work will involve contact with parents, schools and other agencies.

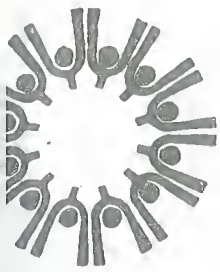
For further information contact Linda  
Anderson on Gill Hodge, Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Road London SE5

Te1. 701 0769/703 5025

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## NEWSLETTER

### **DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

S.C.V.S. has been invited to submit recommendations for membership of the two new District Health Authorities in whose areas Southwark falls: King's in the South, Lewisham and Guy's in the North.

The Regional Health Authority are looking especially for younger men and women to be put forward, and members will be expected to commit themselves to an average of 4 days service a month, inside and outside normal working hours.

Recommendations were asked to be sent in to the RHA by 30 June, but this is not a rigid deadline. If you are interested in finding out more about the arrangements, or in putting names forward through S.C.V.S. ring Sharon or Jane on 732 3731.

### **RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES**

The Regional Health Authority is proposing to close two Radiotherapy Departments in the Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham Area.

What effect will this have on services? King's Community Health Council will be discussing this at their meeting on THURSDAY 16 July at 6.30pm in the BOARD ROOM, KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, (Bessemer Road Entrance).

Come and express your views.

Further information from CHC Secretary, Gill Lucas, 703 9498.

### **Ethnic Housing Records**

There was an interesting debate on keeping ethnic housing records at the last meeting of Southwark's Housing Committee.

When this sensitive topic was last discussed by the Committee two years ago, most members considered that the keeping of such records for housing applicants was undesirable. At that time Southwark Council for Community Relations had not come out in favour of Ethnic Records either.

Since then, SCCR have become strong advocates for keeping Ethnic Records, and the Commission for Racial Equality has continued to encourage local authorities to introduce them.

Both of these bodies' opinions were influential in the Housing Committee's discussion on 10th June.

The argument that discrimination in housing must not only not take place, but be seen not to take place, persuaded many members to review their previous positions, and come down in favour of keeping Ethnic Records in future.

No firm decision was taken - the debate took place within a larger item concerning Equal Opportunity in council employment policy - but the views of the Committee will be considered when the Policy and Resources Committee discuss the item, which has been referred back to them, for the second time.



# JOBS

## ECUADOR

Community arts worker needed to work with an association of peasant organisations working in the fields of literacy, health and communications. He/she will prepare a wide range of educational materials and help develop a simple local newspaper. Skills needed are a knowledge of basic printing and photographic techniques and experience of preparing materials for radio broadcasting. Experience of working in groups and communicating skills to others is important.

Two year contract; return fare to the U.K.; equipment allowance before leaving; mid-term grant and a resettlement grant on termination of contract; medical insurance; two months intensive language training and orientation. All CIIR overseas personnel earn basic salaries which relate to local rates.

Write to Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR) Overseas Section,  
1. Cambridge Terrace,  
London NW1

for further information sending full details of your previous experience.

**RADIO WORKER (Female)**  
required by Neighbourhood arts group for its cable radio project to produce music and drama programmes and to co-ordinate the group's external publicity.

Opposition to current broadcasting practice essential; experience in producing music and drama programmes desirable.

Ring Caroline at WACAT, on 701 9010.

Closing date July 10.

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service in association with Waterloo Action Centre seeks **COMMUNITY/EMPLOYMENT WORKER** to explore factors relating to employment and unemployment in the Waterloo area. The worker would be required to gather information from employers, trades councils and local groups and to liaise with other relevant organisations and explore the possibilities of having a permanent employment project.

Under MSC conditions this will be a one year appointment at £5231pa. Applicants should be over 18 years and registered unemployed for 6 months or one year if over 25. Applicants should have some relevant experience.

For details ring Mark Neuman on 732 9776/7.

Closing date for applications: 6 July 1981.

**SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE** seeks 2 community/employment workers 1 year appointment (under MSC-CEP programme) £5231 inc. LW

The Employment unit needs two workers to continue the service and assistance offered to unemployed people in Southwark Unemployed People's Action.

Under MSC conditions applicants should be over 18 and registered unemployed for 6 months (1 year if over 25).

Previous relevant experience desirable. Apply to SCVS

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone 732 9776/7 for informal discussion

732 3731 for details and application form.

Closing date: 10th July

## LONDON WEIGHTING FOR CEP WORKERS

In reply to our letter on this issue, Sir Richard O'Brien, chairman of MSC says they have reached "the right balance" now is the time to change his mind! Both ACTSS and Southwark Trades' Council have now passed resolutions calling for London Weighting for CEP workers. Have you yet written to your local councillor, MP, trade union on this matter?



### Access Campaign

The Mayor of Southwark has agreed to walk alongside a wheelchair-user in Rye Lane on Monday afternoon July 6 to gain an understanding of some of the problems of access which disabled persons have to face. Local Press will be present. Details from Jane, S.C.V.S.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

There is a big event in Burgess Park on July 10 and 11 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The I.Y.D.P. steering group are having a stall on the 11th. If you are in the park, come and see us.

## **Southwark Asian Community Organisation**

Open meeting at S.C.V.S., Sunday, August 2 at 5pm. Opportunity to meet members of the organisation, and learn about their activities. Speakers from S.C.C.R., Commission for Racial Equality, S.C.V.S. and Southwark Council. Refreshments.

## **AECC Rep.**

SCVS has the right to appoint a representative onto the Adult Education Consultative Committee. If anyone is interested in becoming that representative please ring SCVS.

## **OFFICE SPACE WANTED**

National Social Worker for the Association to Combat Huntington's Chorea urgently needs desk (preferably small room) to operate from as the Head Office is moving out of London at the end of July. She needs telephone cover and some secretarial help for which the Association can pay.

If you can offer help please phone Rosemary Yale on 979 5055 (office) or 720 2026 (home).

## **UNEMPLOYMENT**

A new London and South East Federation of Unemployed, Unwaged and Claimants Groups was established at a conference at the Mary Ward Centre over the weekend 20th/21st June. The federation will operate with a coordinating committee composed of delegates from member groups, which will aim to identify organisers from within the committee or from member groups to coordinate action on particular issues.

The principle campaign issues identified for the federation's programme by conference were:

- \* free transport for unemployed, unwaged and claimants
- \* combating sexism and racism which divide unemployed people
- \* employment position of single homeless people
- \* conditions of harassment in claiming benefits
- \* YOP and CEP schemes - threat of compulsory national service
- \* level of benefit
- \* media coverage and scroungers myth
- \* MSC guidelines on unemployment centres.

The London and SE Federation is sending observers to a national conference of similar groups in Leicester held on 28th June. For news contact SUPA.

## **PLAYSCHEMES**

### **INFORMATION PACK**

S.C.V.S. is producing an information pack for playschemes.

It will give details of playschemes in Southwark, facilities available to them etc.

If you have not received a copy by 7 July, and would like one, ring Debbie at S.C.V.S.



## MISCELLANY

### Downtown Fete

Downtown Family Centre Summer Fete, Pearsons Park, Rotherhithe Street, Saturday 4 July from 2pm. Stalls, crafts, bingo, raffles, games, donkey rides etc.

### S.C.C.R. Carnival/Sports Day

Peckham Rye Park, Saturday July 25. Procession along Rye Lane 10.30am. Food, raffle, live reggae music, stalls, football and netball contests etc., in the park.

### S.C.C.R. - Girls Group

For unemployed girls between 16 and 25 years. Bells Gardens Youth Club, 19 Buller Close, SE15, Tuesdays 12 - 4.30pm. Details - Paulette, 274 8793, or come along.

### S.C.C.R. - Summer Project

A Summer Project will operate for children 5 - 16 years old at Brunswick Park School. Wide range of activities, outings & sport. Details, SCCR - 274 8793.

NALGO (Southwark Branch) is now to be contacted at:

Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5

and not at Spa Road, Bermondsey.

## LIBRARY

SCVS now has:

"Health Care of the Homeless and Rootless - the Final Report of the Joint Care Planning Team Working Party", published by the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham AHA(T), November 1980.

### HELP!

Does anyone know where S.C.V.S. display boards are? If so, please return them/let us know, as we need them.

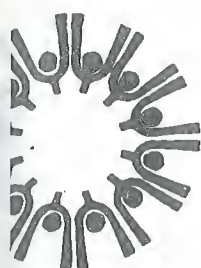
The Employment Unit has a new telephone number: 732 7996/7. We are looking for 4 desks and chairs, if you can help please contact us on the above number.

SOUTHWARK LAW PROJECT are back in their old offices at 29 Lordship Lane SE22. They need filing cabinets. If you can help, ring them on 693 0619.

### Carr-Gomm Society Filmstrip

The Carr-Gomm Society, which provides shared housing for single and lonely people in the community, has produced a tape/slide programme on its work. Suitable for non-professional & professional groups or youth groups. Kate Gibbs, 38 Gomm Road, SE16.

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## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID

As you will know by now, Urban Aid Circular 22 has been issued early this year.

Applications for 5 year grants must reach Southwark Town Hall by 21st August 1981 and applications for holiday projects must be submitted by 11th September.

If you need more information or want help with your application, please contact the SCVS office as soon as possible.

SCVS has again been invited by the Council to put forward the voluntary sector's view on which of this year's applications should be recommended for funding. Please remember that the first meeting to discuss this will be held on the evening of *August 6th*.

Full details are available from the SCVS office. It would be helpful if you could let us know if someone from your organisation will be able to attend.

### Radiotherapy Services

Radiotherapy services at King's College Hospital

The South East Thames Regional Health Authority is proposing to rationalise radiotherapy services within its boundaries.

One of the proposals is the closure of the Radiotherapy Department at King's College Hospital.

King's Community Health Council is extremely concerned at this. Together with users and friends of the Department the CHC has launched a petition to ask the Regional Health Authority to retain radiotherapy services at King's undiminished.

A copy of the petition is enclosed in this newsletter.

They ask you to get as many signatures as possible and return it to King's CHC, 75 Denmark Hill, SE5, by September 12th.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Southwark Council has recently set up a joint Councillor and officer study group to look at the introduction of equal opportunity policies relating to race, sex and disability.

The study group will consider particularly the Council's performance as an employer and a provider of services.

SCVS among other organisations (including Southwark Council for Community Relations and Southwark Disablement Association) has been asked to provide information and ideas for the study group.

So if your organisation can offer information about how Council services discriminate against ethnic minorities, disabled people or women or has ideas about how services could be improved, please write down your comments and send them to SCVS. We will pass them on to the study group.

Contact Jane at SCVS for more information and documents.

### Adult Education

We are still looking for a second SCVS representative on the Adult Education Consultative Committee.

If you are interested but not sure what being on the committee would involve, phone Peter Hudson who's been a member for some time. He's at Blackfriars Settlement on 928 9521.

### Playschemes Pack

The SCVS information pack on this year's summer playschemes is now out. If you would like a copy and haven't received one, please phone Debbie at the SCVS office.

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## Advice Centres

### Brook

The Brook Advisory Centres offer confidential help and advice with birth control and pregnancy, free pregnancy testing and someone to talk to about personal problems and relationships.

The service in Walworth Road is still open, but now another Centre is open for young people at 53 Acre Lane, SW2, 274 4995. It is 5 minutes from the Town Hall, and you can get there on buses to Brixton or the 35 and 37 along Acre Lane.

Open on Mondays and Fridays from 3.30 to 6.30 and Wednesdays from 9.30 to 2.30.

Drop in at these times or ring for an appointment. Come on your own or with a friend or friends.

### Community Drug Project

The Community Drug Project will be closed from August 22nd to 31st 1981 inclusive.

### Advice Centre in the Blue

The Advice Centre in the Blue will be closed from August 3rd to 16th - reopening Monday August 17th. The legal advice sessions will take place as normal, however, from 6.30 to 8.00 on Thursday August 6th and 13th.

### Blackfriars

Due to staff shortages, Blackfriars Advice Centre is regrettably having to suspend its walk-in advice services temporarily.

They will not be taking on any new cases for the time being. Existing cases will, of course, still be dealt with.

## Training

The SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit runs training sessions on housing for people in Southwark who help clients with housing problems, in both statutory and non-statutory agencies.

They want to provide sessions on topics which will be most useful to advisors.

If any readers want to learn more about a subject, Dave Brown at HARU would be interested to hear from them. He's at the SCVS office on 732 3649.



### 1. Access Event

The IYDP Steering Group organised an access event in Rye Lane on July 6th, in which a wheelchair user Mrs Judy Fairclough went into local shops and along the street accompanied by the Mayor of Southwark and the local press.

The difficulties she encountered included steps into shops, narrow entrances, turnstiles into supermarkets, high shelves and narrow checkouts.

On the streets, uneven pavements, lack of ramps - especially at crossings - and the short time allowed to cross the road created problems.

Local shops will be told, in general terms, the access problems that their premises present to wheelchair users.



### 2. Exhibition.

There will be an exhibition of work from Southwark Day Centres at North Peckham Civic Centre from Monday July 20th to Saturday August 15th (closed at 1.00 on Wednesdays). Admission free.

### 3. Sports Day

There will be sports demonstrations and informal coaching for disabled people and their friends at Southwark Sports Ground, Dulwich, from 12 to 5.00 on Saturday August 8th. All welcome.

## SITS VAC SCVS

SCVS wants a part-time fieldworker to join our team providing support to local non-statutory organisations and community groups.

Community work...disablement...race... family welfare...childrens' play...welfare rights...voluntary organisations in Southwark work in all these fields and more.

We are looking for someone with relevant interests to help develop services and policies locally. Knowledge and experience of voluntary organisations is essential and an understanding of local authority structures would be helpful.

Salary approx. £4450 including L.W (AP4).  
Hours: 21 per week.  
Five weeks leave a year.

Further details from SCVS.

SCVS also wants another administrator. who will be fulltime and share responsibility with the other administrators for administering the SCVS office and providing advice and support to voluntary organisations on administrative matters.

Duties include providing support to the core staff and special units, servicing committees, proving an information service to member agencies, maintaining stationery supplies, records of finances and members, producing this newsletter, etc.

The administrators do not service other workers by proving typing or filing.

Salary £5355 including L.W.  
Hours 9.30 to 5.30 with occasional need for flexibility. 23 days holiday a year.

This post is MSC funded. Applicants must have been unemployed for 6 months (or 12, if over 25).

## CDP

The Community Drug Project is a small non-statutory agency catering for those with drug and related problems. It requires a male worker with social work experience. Knowledge of the drugs field, though helpful, is not essential.

Starting salary approximately £7,200.  
Closing date 7th August.

Details from CDP, 7 New Church Rd, SE5, telephone 703 0559.

## SDA

Southwark Disablement Association aims to bring together all groups interested in working with and for disabled people in the borough. It's a new organisation and has now received funding under Urban Aid.

It therefore needs workers to launch the project. A General Secretary has now been appointed. There is still a vacancy for a fulltime Disablement Advice Resource Worker.

Salary currently £5962 + £915 London weighting.

Closing date September 1st.

Details and application forms from Miss P. Sheere, 175 Friern Rd, SE22, telephone 693 6020.

## Law

Cambridge House & Talbot requires a fulltime solicitor for its settlement-based centre in Camberwell, serving an inner London community.

The centre has been developing its role in advising and representing both groups and individuals and has knowledge and experience of housing, family law, employment, crime and welfare benefits.

Details and application forms from Colin Rochester, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road SE5. Phone Pat Hart on 703 3051 for informal discussion.



## ACW Conference

The Association of Community Workers is holding a 3 day conference on WELFARE STATE POVERTY on 25th-27th September, at Trevelyan College, Durham.

The conference aims to examine how community workers can respond effectively to the current attack on the welfare state.

The conference fee will be £35.

Enquiries to Dick Ellison, East Community Association, Moor Terrace, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear; 0783 42306.



# SWAP SHOP

## SOFA NEEDED:

Has anyone got an unwanted three-seater sofa that could be handed on to a local childrens' club? Contact Sharon at the SCVS office, 732 3731.

## STACKING CHAIRS REQUIRED:

Balfour Street Housing Co-op is still looking for chairs for its meeting room. Even a small number would help. Phone Sharon at SCVS.

## DESKS & FILING CABINETS WANTED:

SCVS needs 3 desks and 2 filing cabinets (free or cheap) for its new Employment Unit workers. If you can help, please phone Debbie or Shena at SCVS.

## PREMISES REQUIRED:

Ground floor, preferably shop-front, premises are being sought for the new Peckham Citizen's Advice Bureau. Offers or ideas to Nigel Parratt, c/o Walworth Road CAB, 703 4198.

## Playgroup

Colombo Street Playgroup has a few places for children between 2½ and 5. They meet from 10 to 12 am Monday to Friday at Colombo Street Sports Centre, Colombo Street SE1.

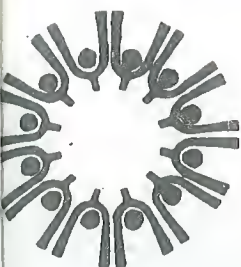
If you are interested, call in or ring 261 1658.

## Mailing Lists

Please remember that SCVS's addressograph facilities are available to all our member organisations. If you have a fairly standard mailing list that you use regularly, we can arrange to have permanent address plates made at about 25p each. The plates can be stored at the SCVS office and used with the addressograph machine whenever you need to do a mailing. If you are interested in this arrangement, contact Shena or Debbie at the SCVS office.

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### RACIAL HARASSMENT & VANDALISM GLC INQUIRIES

The problems of vandalism and of racial harassment are widespread in Southwark.

Last year, Southwark Council blamed delays in carrying out some repair works on estates on the borough's "constant battle against calculated vandalism".

In March of this year, the front page of *South London Press* described how one Asian family on North Peckham Estate has been attacked over a period of three years.

There has been criticism of the police's apparent inability to deal with these sorts of problem.

Now, the Police Committee of the Greater London Council have decided to hold inquiries into the problems in London of both vandalism and racial harassment.

#### Terms of reference

The inquiries have the following terms of reference:

1. 'To enquire into the incidence of vandalism in London, and its causes and effects, to review current policies and practices of the police and other relevant agencies in tackling the problem and to make recommendations.'

2. 'To enquire into the forms and extent of racial harassment in London, and its causes and effects, to review current policies and practices of the police and other relevant agencies in tackling the problem and to make recommendations.'

Anyone wishing to submit evidence in writing to these inquiries may do so. When writing it should be stated whether you would also be willing, if requested, to give oral evidence.

#### What to do

If you want more information about the inquiries or advice and help about putting your evidence, write to the GLC (address below) or telephone 633 8061 during normal working hours.

The enquiries are expected to start in the Autumn at County Hall. They will be held in public, but if there is good reason evidence may be taken in closed session.

Written evidence should be submitted by 15 October 1981 to the Director-General (PR), Greater London Council, Room 209, The County Hall, SE1 7PB.

#### RACE & UNEMPLOYMENT

Southwark Unemployed People's Action and S.C.C.R. are arranging an afternoon event on Race and Unemployment. It will be at Dominica Hall, 69 Peckham High Street on 9 September from 1pm to 6pm.

Any groups interested in helping or contributing their own material contact: Vanessa Sheldon on 732-9777.



# I.L.E.A.

## Government Cuts Grant

The Government has set a spending target which means a 30% cut-back in ILEA services. The more the authority spends, over and above this target, the less Government grant it will get.

Last year (=1980/81), the ILEA spent £594 million. This year to keep up the same standard of service, it would need £699 million, but the government has given an assessment of only £468 million. In fact, even the government did not expect the ILEA to reduce its budget to this figure, but it did expect it to reduce its budget to £598 million. This is still a massive cut of £96m (14%).



Inner London is an expensive place to run education and has some of the worst social problems. For instance there are more handicapped people and more children with special language problems. 40% of London's children are from ethnic minority groups and 10% do not have English as a mother tongue.

This 14% cut would mean that all vacant posts have to remain unfilled, all building work would have to stop, there would be a 10% cut in heating and lighting, no furniture or equipment would be replaced, cuts would be necessary in allowances for books and materials, no more discretionary awards, and the cost of school meals would go up sharply.

The Education Officer for I.L.E.A. says that in the long term this cut would mean abandoning adult education, nursery schools, youth and welfare services. Unless the Government is willing to think again about its Rate Support Grant, almost the whole burden of paying for education will fall on inner London's ratepayers.

The I.L.E.A. has decided to continue to give us the same standard of service as before and has set a budget of £699m; government grant will be a mere £7m. Contact: Campaign for I.L.E.A., 20 Coliston Road, London SW18 4PJ

## NUCLEAR LINKS

Nuclear Links: The Chain Reaction of Energy, Arms and Underdevelopment is the first pamphlet to show global connections between development and the nuclear issue and concludes with a section on the wide variety of relevant campaigns. Order from Third World First, 232 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UH or SANE, 9 Poland Street, London W1. 50p + p&p (Reduced cost on multiple orders)

## Namibia Support Cttee.

The most recent and urgent appeal by South West Africa People's Organisation fighting to control Namibia against the South African troops is for 100 portable medical kits to help Namibian refugees (now numbering over 50,000). The Namibia Support Committee Health Collective is renewing its appeal for funds for medical kits. Donations can be sent to the NSC Medical Aid, NSC, 188 North Gower Street, London NW1 2NB.

## JOB

TRAINEE STAFF MEMBER required to work in Therapeutic Community for Ex-Drug Abusers. Experience in Group work, residential care, substance abuse or related field an advantage.

Salary Scale: AP1 plus L.W., rising to AP2/3 after 6 months.

Write or telephone for application form to: The Administrator, Phoenix House, 1 Eliot Bank, Forest Hill SE23 3XE, Tel: 699 1515/5748.

Closing date for applications 11 Sept '81.

EXTRA.....EXTRA.....EXTRA.....EXTRA.....EXTRA.....

### JOB VACANCY

St Giles Day Centre for homeless people needs a fourth worker for democratic team providing basic services (food, clothing etc), advice (housing, welfare rights etc), counselling and referrals.

Energy, relevant experience and a sense of humour are advantages.

Salary £5900 p.a.

Application forms and job description from: Catherine Mullan  
Co-ordinator  
St Giles Centre  
81 Camberwell Church St  
London SE5 8RB  
01 703 5841

Closing date for applications: 11.9.'81

SOUTHWARK ENVIRONMENT TRUST are holding two open meetings to discuss the development of their work, and membership of the Trust, on Wednesday September 16th at 7.30pm at Dulwich Baths Reception Hall, Crystal Palace Road, SE22 and Thursday September 17th at 7.30pm at Rotherhithe Civic Centre.

All are welcome. Enquiries, ring David Mearns 703-60311 ext 103.

### WANTED

Crossway Day Centre wants black and white television, free/cheap. If you can help, or have any ideas, ring Miss Broad, at 732-8265.

### NUNHEAD FORUM

Friends of Nunhead Cemetery Group Is anyone interested in forming a 'Friends of Nunhead Cemetery' group to look at the various plans for 'developing' the Cemetery and liaising with Southwark Council over the matter? The last Forum meeting thought the idea an interesting one so can we harness some active interest? Please contact Jeff Hart (145 Kimberley Avenue SE15 Tel: 639 1613) if you are interested. Plans at the moment have included developing part as a Nature Reserve, part as the proposed 'Waverley Park' and part to be preserved as a burial-ground.

Next Forum Meeting - Open Meeting Like last year's, the next meeting of the full Forum will be an OPEN one for anyone to come to as well as representatives, so please spread the word and bring someone along. It is on Thursday October 8th at 8pm at the Linden Grove Tenants' Hall (corner of Linden Grove and Nunhead Lane in new development). Please make a note of this date NOW!

Forthcoming Events - Afternoon Fete in grounds of St Antony's Church, Nunhead Lane from 2pm on Saturday, September 12th.  
- Folk Dance from 7.45pm organised by Camberwell Scouts on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Barforth Road Hall (off Nunhead Lane) £2 adults £1 Under-14s.  
- An Evening to learn and discuss about the implications of the Brandt Report with filmstrip in St Antony's Hall, Barforth Road at 8pm. (Details from Roy Screech 639 4261) October 1st.







#### IYDP - STEERING GROUP

The International Year of Disabled People Steering Group in Southwark has now disbanded, as the Southwark Disabled People's Association workers will soon be in post.

Please pass any information on local activities to Jane Belman at SCVS.

#### TRAINING COURSE

A one-day Training Course on the Disabled will be held at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road, SE17 on Tuesday 15th September, and repeated on Wednesday 16th.

The course aims to inform those attending about existing resources in the statutory and voluntary sectors; to define areas of need; and to explore ways in which a more effective service can be offered.

The course is organised by Southwark Social Services. Details from Castle House Training Section, tel. 703 6363, or from Jane at SCVS.

#### ACCESS EVENT

The recent Access Event in Rye Lane was video-taped. Plans are afoot to show it at the forthcoming Social Services Training Event in September, and to local businesses. Any other ideas for it? Please let Jane at SCVS know.

#### CONFERENCES

'Society and People with Handicaps - Rights and Responsibilities' is the title of a conference being held on Tuesday 10th November at Friends House, Euston Road, NW1.

It is organised by the Friendship Group of Charities, which consists of a range of charities concerned with the welfare of sick and handicapped children and adults. Fee £10. Details from Pat Silverthorne tel. 388 1382.

The MIND Annual Conference has the title 'Psychiatric Treatment, Art or Science?' and will be held on October 26th-27th at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8. Fee £24 for two days, reduction to £18 for MIND members. Further reductions to £20 (£15 for MIND members) if applications received by August 31st.

Details available from MIND, 22 Harley Street, W1, tel. 637 0741.

## Media Project

Springboard are starting a media project, including video, newsletter, etc., for community groups in and around The Borough area. If you have any ideas, or have a project that could use these services, or just want to know more, come to a meeting on Thursday 17th September, at 6 p.m. at 12b Asylum Road, Peckham, SE15.

For more details, ring Cathy Taggart on 261 9273.

## KING'S C.H.C.

The next meeting of the King's Health District Community Health Council will be held on Thursday 24th September, at 6.30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5.

All are welcome.

## St Olave's Hospital

Guy's Community Health Council is calling on the Area Health Authority to restore in-patient services at St. Olaves Hospital, Rotherhithe. The Area Health Authority has promised to do this, but has made no commitment about when and how. Guy's C.H.C. wants support, to help it ensure that the in-patient service is restored as soon as possible. You can help by writing to the Area Health Authority, and by coming to its next meeting, on September 14th, at the Royal Eye Hospital, St George's Circus, at 4.30pm. For further information - ring Beryl Urquhart, Guy's C.H.C., 403-3012.



## MISCELLANY

A personal and confidential counselling service for problem drinkers and/or their relatives and friends and information, advice and consultancy for local professional workers is available from Alcohol Counselling Service, 34 Electric Lane, SW9 8JT. Tel 737-3579/3570.

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If your group or organisation has not contacted the SCVS Voluntary Workers' Bureau regarding using volunteers, please do so.

If you would like to talk generally about this, Amy Wallace, the Organiser would be pleased to meet you and discuss it further. Tel: 732 5729.

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Springboard Project Team run by Mike Neary will be offering painting and decorating services free (just cost of materials) to any voluntary organisation in Southwark from end of September. Submit applications in writing to Mike Neary, Asylum Road Welfare Centre, Caroline Gardens, Asylum Road, SE15.

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If the idea of setting up your own co-operative venture in photography and display interests you, contact Martin Osborne at 45 Cossall Walk, SE15, tel 732-4886.

S.C.V.S. Employment Unit Report on Disabled People and Employment. To get your copy, order now. 'Phone 732 3731/9777.

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National Social Worker for the Association to Combat Huntingdon's Chorea still urgently needs desk (preferably small room) to operate from as the Head Office has moved out of London. She needs telephone cover and some secretarial help for which the Association can pay.

If you can offer help please 'phone Rosemary Yale on 720 2026.

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Groups asking the Council for financial assistance will be expected in future to use Form TC/21/6/81. The Form seeks details about your organisation, its operation, membership and finances. Copies can be obtained from Group Clerk of Committee Group A at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.

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Southwark Unemployed People's Action hope to mount a permanent mobile exhibition on employment and unemployment in the borough. Can anyone donate permanently or offer long-term loan of exhibition panels?

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### URBAN AID

#### URBAN AID : SCVS'S RECOMMENDATIONS

As you will know, SCVS was again invited by Southwark Council to make recommendations on the relative priorities to be accorded to the urban aid applications submitted under the latest circular.

To do this, an open meeting was called to suggest guidelines for selection and to elect a group of representatives to consider the applications in detail and report back.

The initial suggestions made by the elected group have now been revised in the light of the comments made at a second open meeting held on September 2nd. The final list of priorities recommended to Southwark Council by SCVS is as follows:

1. St. Giles Day Centre for the Single Homeless
2. Blackfriars Advice Centre
2. Advice Centre in the Blue \*
2. Southwark Law Project \*
5. Peckham Settlement Project \*
6. Bermondsey Adventure Playground \*
6. Blendon Row Adventure Playground \*
6. East Dulwich Adventure Playground \*
9. Ockenden Venture \*
10. Muslim Women's Association
11. Copleston Centre
12. Rolls Road Adventure Playground \*
13. Circle Trust - Tandem Houses

14. Teaching and Counselling Project
15. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme
16. Bermondsey Family Resource Centre
17. Homeless Action (Southwark)
18. Elderly Support Team
19. Blackfriars Housing for Young People Project
20. Bookplace
21. Repairs to Scout Headquarters.
22. Children's Theatre of London Project
23. Summer Motorcycle Club
24. Southwark Enterprise for the Employment of Disabled Persons
25. Hummingbird After School Project
26. Greenhouse Trust
27. Shake with the Rattles
28. Rockingham Estate Community Development Project
29. Warner Road Community Hall.

The Council's final decision about which projects are to be submitted to the Department of the Environment for possible funding will be taken at a meeting of the LBS Policy & Resources Committee to be held at 7.00 p.m. Monday 12th October. This meeting is open to the public.

It is expected that an announcement will be made in March 1982 about which of the projects the Department of the Environment eventually chooses to fund.

\* Time Expired Projects.



# UNITED NATIONS WEEK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th

10.15 for THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED  
10.30 a.m. NATIONS FLAG over the Town  
Hall, Peckham Road, by the  
Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr.  
Charles J. Coveney, preceded  
by a short inter-faith  
ceremony conducted in the  
Council Chamber by the Very  
Revd. Colm Acton, the Revd. R.  
J. Hall, Imam Khaja Qamaruddin,  
Miss Joan Rich, and the Revd.  
Alan Wait. Julian Eccles, Esq.  
will give a brief talk on the  
work of the United Nations and  
invite questions. Music will be  
provided by the Southwark Citadel  
of the Salvation Army.

10.30 a.m. JUNIOR FILM SHOW: "Snoopy Come  
Home" and "The Pied Piper"  
(UNICEF Film: Danny Kaye).  
Camberwell Church Street Library  
(Arranged by Southwark Junior  
Libraries)

12.00 noon INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH. The  
Mayor's XI v International Student  
House XI. Southwark Sports Ground,  
Dulwich Common (Arranged by  
the London Borough of Southwark  
Sports and Social Club.)

7.30 - SOCIAL EVENING IN AID OF UNICEF  
11.00 p.m. Havil Street Hall, Havil Street  
SE5. Tickets £1.00 from SCCR  
352 Camberwell New Road SE5.  
or telephone 274 8793. (Arranged  
by Southwark Council for  
Community Relations)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th

9.00 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE WITH "THE HOARDER"  
(Cartoon film on world resources)  
Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village.

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS St. Giles Church  
Camberwell Church Street. The  
congregation will be glad to  
welcome visitors from  
overseas both at the service and  
for coffee afterwards.

MONDAY OCTOBER 19th

8.00 p.m. WORLD DISARMAMENT Brigadier  
Michael Harbottle General Secre-  
tary W.D. Campaign and film  
"The War Game" St. Barnabas'  
Hall, Dulwich Village (Arranged  
by Southwark/Dulwich branch of  
the United Nations Association.)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20th

7.30 p.m. INTERNATIONAL VARIETY  
(including Wout Steehuis,  
guitarist entertainer from  
the Netherlands). North  
Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent  
Road/Peckham Park Road. Tickets  
£1.25, pensioners and  
children 75p from the Southwark  
Entertainments Box Office  
28 Peckham Road SE5 (Tel. 703  
2917) or at the door.

8.00 p.m. MEETING Copleston Centre,  
Copleston Road (Arranged  
by Southwark Group, World  
Development Movement)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21st

7.00 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING at the Town  
Hall Peckham Road. Members  
of the public are welcome.  
During the week photoposters  
illustrating some aspects of the  
work of the United Nations  
(International Year of  
Disabled Persons) will be on  
display at the Town Hall;  
Bermondsey Library, Spa Road;  
Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane;  
Camberwell Church Street  
Library; Social Services  
Office, 29 Camberwell Road;  
Trustee Savings Bank 95  
Peckham High Street; Trustee  
Savings Bank 267 Southwark  
Park Road; St. Barnabas Church  
Calton Avenue; The Bookplace  
13 Peckham High Street;  
Advice Centre in the Blue  
190 Southwark Park Road.

The week is also One World Week and  
week beginning 24th October has

## ANTE - NATAL

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) wants to hear from groups interested in ante-natal care.

NCVO's Policy Analysis Unit has money from DHSS to spend 6 months looking into what the voluntary sector can do in this area.

The ante-natal care they are interested in is "not only a matter of information and support but also of representing the consumer view of ante-natal care to health professionals and planners."

### Bare feet ?

Rosemary Allen of the Policy Analysis Group needs to know about projects run by such bodies as community and women's health groups, health education officers, adult education officers, CHC's or CVS's.

Some examples that have already come to light are teaching English to Asian women through an ante-natal health education pack, a 'barefoot' health worker visiting local women to explain the value of ante-natal care, and a group project for pregnant schoolgirls.

If you can help, ring Rosemary Allen on 636 4066, or write to her at NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU

## WOMEN'S ACTION

"There's lots happening for women at the Activities Centre" at 1a Wendover, on the Aylesbury Estate, according to a colourful leaflet SCVS has received.

There's a Women's Drama Group on Mondays, Mothers and Toddlers Group on Tuesdays, a Women's Health Group on Wednesdays (those three days, all 1.30-3.30 p.m.) On Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. there's a choice of Yoga or Photography, and at the same times on Fridays from Oct. 2nd for six weeks a Women and Radio Group. Also from 1 - 3 on Fridays women can learn how to dance.

For more details of this wide choice of activities, ring the Activity Centre on 703 0415.

## INSULATION

Grants are now available under an experimental programme set up by the Department of Energy to start new home insulation and energy advice projects for elderly and disabled people and others who receive a variety of welfare benefits.

Money for the insulation work itself is already available. The new programme aims to increase take-up in two ways.

"Seed corn grants" to promote projects (max. grant £500), and to meet the training costs of project leaders visiting established projects, are one part of the programme.

### Vans

"Project grants" will be made to assist the starting up costs of home insulation projects sponsored by voluntary organisations using the MSC Special Programmes.

These grants will be for secondhand vans, other essential equipment, and (where necessary) purchase of first stock of insulation materials (max. for vans and stock, £2000 each).

Voluntary organisations are advised to apply early, but first of all to get advice from:

Lynn Hyams, Neighbourhood Energy Action, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU  
Tel 636 4066

## SCODA

Directory Updated

SCODA is advertising its Referral Guide (1980 revised edition) to Residential Rehabilitation Projects for Drug Dependents.

Inclusive price is £2 (make cheques payable to SCODA Ltd.), from SCODA, 3 Blackburn Road, NW6 1XA  
Tel 328 6556/7

A tenants newspaper is planned for Southwark in the near future. If you are interested please contact Melvyn Wallis on 01-237 8277.



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The August Newsletter gave details of the Southwark Council study group established recently to look at equal opportunity policies for women, disabled and ethnic minorities.

An ad hoc group of women are now meeting to discuss equal opportunities and how to communicate these views to the Council.

Any interested women are invited to attend these meetings. Contact Julia Phillips on 701 6550 for details of the next meeting.

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## BLACKFRIARS BLIND CLUB

Blackfriars Blind Club is in need of wool. Please send any that is available to Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Square SE1.

If the parcel is marked "Articles for the Blind" no postage is charged.

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## NUNHEAD FORUM

NUNHEAD FORUM - OPEN GENERAL MEETING

This will be on Thursday October 8th at 8.00 p.m. at the Linden Grove Community Hall, (corner of Linden Grove and Nunhead Lane). The Forum is an umbrella group for all organisations in Nunhead, and all are welcome. Chairman: Roger Smith 639 3945.

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## SOUTHWARK DISABLEMENT ASSOCIATION

SOUTHWARK DISABLEMENT ASSOCIATION would be interested to know if any induction loop systems for the deaf and hard of hearing have been installed in any churches, public halls, theatres or cinemas etc. in the borough. Please phone the SDA office 701 1391 if you know of any.

## REPORTS ACTION

Reports Action is Granada Television's social action programme. Viewers are encouraged to ring in during or after the programme to become involved in a variety of different activities or to receive information.

Transmission time is expected to be at 6.40 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The programme will run for half an hour.

Volunteers are being recruited to man phones, the London area (switchboard near Ludgate Circus) requires volunteers.

Contact Amy Wallis, SCVS  
Voluntary Workers Bureau,  
135 Rye Lane SE15.

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## SKILLS TAKE AWAY

SKILLS TAKE AWAY for all concerned with Creative Play, Party time, Games Decorations, Crafts.

November 7th 10.30 - 3.30

8th 10.30 - 3.30

at the Leisure Centre, Camgate Centre  
34 Camberwell Road SE5 in association  
with the Area Youth Office. Admission  
FREE

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## AVAILABLE

There is a free booklet/map of Community Facilities in Southwark available from Marilyn Taylor (Assistant Community Development Officer) at the Town Hall.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

The Voluntary Workers Bureau of SCVS is updating its register of volunteer opportunities so that it can produce a new 'Job Card Display'. Please could all members complete the enclosed yellow form as soon as possible and return it to:  
Amy Wallis, Volunteer Organiser,  
135 Rye Lane SE15. Tel. 732 5729.

# 17-25 OCTOBER

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS  
FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



11.00 p.m. SERVICE PROJECTS AT HOME  
AND ABROAD Young people  
discuss plans. 19  
Coldharbour Lane SE5 (Arranged  
by International Voluntary  
Service)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd

5.00 p.m. JUNIOR FILM SHOW "Snoopy  
Come Home" and "The Pied  
Piper" (UNICEF film:  
Danny Kaye). Peckham  
Hill Street Library (Arranged  
by Southwark Junior Libraries)

7.45 p.m. INTERNATIONAL TASTE IN: An  
evening with food from many  
cultures to taste. The Bishop  
of Kingston will lead some  
thinking. United Reformed  
Church Hall, top of Red Post Hill.  
Tickets: 50p Tel 274 1338 or  
274 5747. (Arranged by Herne  
Hill Christian Council).

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd

7.30 p.m. BRANDT FORUM Talks followed by  
discussion. Richard Balfe, M.E.P.;  
Richard Bainbridge (Christian Aid).  
East Dulwich Baths Reception Hall  
(entrance from Crystal Palace Rd.).  
Arranged by 'Dulwich One World  
Week'.

8.00 p.m. GERMAN BEER NIGHT Peckham Civic  
Centre, Old Kent Rd. Tickets £3.50  
from Southwark Ents. or on the door

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th  
UNITED NATIONS DAY

FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/  
UNICEF FUNDS

Offers of help to Miss K.M.  
Caldin 138 Woodwarde Road SE22  
Tel. 693 2452.

10.00 a.m. NEW WORLD ART GALLERY  
6 p.m. EXHIBITION AND SALE St.  
Barnabas Parish Hall,  
Dulwich Village. Entry by

donation to UNICEF box at the  
door (Arranged by New World  
Art Gallery Cooperative)

4.00 - WE ARE ONE PEOPLE exhibition,  
9.00 p.m. videos, steel bands, majorettes  
dance and drama, celebrating  
things which unite us, facing  
factors that divide us.  
Southwark Cathedral.

7.30 p.m. NAMIBIA: A social and thinking  
evening with food. St. John's  
Church Goose Green. Tickets:  
£1 from St. John's Vicarage  
Goose Green SE22. Tel  
693 1735 or at the door.

7.30 p.m. THE CREATION (HAYDN) Southwark  
Singers and Southwark Concert  
Orchestra (Conductor: Denis  
Coleman) Clubland Theatre,  
Camberwell Road (entrance in  
Grosvenor Terrace) Tickets £2.00  
£1.50, £1.00 from the Southwark  
Entertainments Box Office, 28  
Peckham Road SE 5 Tel. 703 2917  
or at the door.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th

11.00 a.m. UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE  
at the Walworth Methodist Church  
Clubland, Camberwell Road.  
Conducted by the Revd. Vic  
Watson, assisted by the  
Revd. Kenneth Douglas, the  
Revd. Grahame Shaw, and the  
Revd. Fr. Charles Walker.  
Preacher: The Rt. Revd.  
J.B. Poromon, Secretary of  
the Nigerian Methodist  
Conference. The service will  
be attended by the Worshipful  
Mayor, Members of the Council  
and representatives of local  
organisations.

6.30 p.m. CELEBRATION OF ONE WORLD WEEK  
Music by Kingsdale School  
Steel Band, dramatic readings  
and drama. St. Barnabas Church,  
Calton Avenue, Dulwich.

One Week of Prayer for World Peace. The  
Designated United Nations Disarmament Week.





# U.N. Week cont.

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week Programme, please contact the Information Office, The Town Hall, Peckham Road SE5. In view of financial stringency the Borough Council is not publishing the separate programme of events this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Honorary Treasurer of the local branch, Miss K.M. Caldin, 138 Woodwarde Road SE22

PLEASE HELP TO PUBLICISE THE ABOVE EVENTS. More United Nations Day Leaflets (on the theme of world health) are available from the Town Hall Information Office, all Public Libraries and Miss Caldin.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

A community group in London has asked the London Community Work Service to help it establish contacts with other groups fighting the threat of school closure and re-organisation.

If you are in this position, please forward your name and address to Ced Jackson at C.W.S., and he will pass on the details to the group.

Name of contact.....

Address.....

..... Tel.....

The group, which is based in outer London, is eager to establish contact with as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

Please reply to :- Ced Jackson, London Community Work Service, 68 Chalton Street, London. NW1. Tel. 01-388 0241.

## SWAP SHOP

Southwark Unemployed People's Action needs a stationery cupboard. Please contact Steve at the SCVS office on 732 9776/7.

Peckam Self Help Group urgently require 2 typewriters. If you can help contact Steve on 732/9777.

Banda spirit duplicator for sale £40, good working order. Also being offered is the sale of transfer of lease of a Rank Xerox 2202 plain paper copier. Five year lease with three left to run. for details ring Colin or Isabell at Cambridge House on 01-703 5025.

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NOVEMBER 1981

## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID

The Policy and Resources Committee met and agreed to submit the following list of Urban Aid applications, as recommended by the Joint Urgency Subcommittee, to the Department of Environment:

1. St Giles Day Centre for Single Homeless
2. Southwark Law Project
3. Bermondsey Adventure Playground
4. East Dulwich Adventure Playground
5. Rolls Road Adventure Playground
6. I.T. Resource Centre
7. Camberwell Grove Day Nursery
8. Ockenden Venture
9. Training Information Centre
10. Childminders Project
11. Muslim Women's Association
12. Copleston Centre
13. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme
14. Homeless Action
15. Peckham Settlement
16. Community Liaison Officers
17. Windsor Walk Housing Association
18. Advice Centre in the Blue
19. Blackfriars Advice Centre
20. Teaching and Counselling Project
21. SCCR/Dominica Association Community Project
22. Elderly Support Team
23. Sumner Motorcycle Club
24. Hummingbird After School Project
25. Tandem Houses
26. Greenhouse Trust - Comber Hall Project
27. Repair to Scouts District HQ
28. Self Help Work Project for Younger Physically Handicapped
29. Sponsored Training for Unemployed People

The Department of the Environment will look at the applications and decide which it will fund. Their decision is likely to be announced in March 1982..

### National Unemployed Workers Movement

The National Unemployed Workers Movement is holding its founding conference at Goldsmith's College on 31st October and 1st November.

The principal aims of the conference are to construct a more formal structure for the movement and to develop a programme for more effective national and regional activity. Attending the conference will be representatives from unemployed groups throughout Britain who will be sharing their varied experience and expertise gained from fighting unemployment locally.

The NUWM needs the support of all sections of the working class especially rank and file trade unionists. If you would like to support the NUWM or get more information contact Mike Comley c/o the Employment Unit of SCVS.



## St.Giles' Centre

St. Giles' Centre (Camberwell) for homeless people has an exciting debate at its AGM on November 16th at 6.30 p.m. "Residential Projects only perpetuate homelessness". Speakers include the head of the Salvation Army Social Services Commissioner Anna Hannevik. St. Giles Centre is at 81 Camberwell Church Street SE5.



# CONFERENCES

## Disablement

Southwark Enterprise for Employment of Disabled Persons together with Southwark Adult Education Institute is holding a conference on Friday, November 27 from 2 - 5.30pm at Southwark Training Workshops, Braganza Street, SE17. Aim is to encourage disabled Southwark residents to express their employment, education and training needs, so that a more informed response can be made to them. Most of the conference will therefore consist of discussion groups led by disabled people with a wide variety of experiences of employment. A panel of representatives from industry and education will answer questions and sum up at the end of the afternoon. Opened by Mayor.

All disabled people who wish to share their views/experiences with others are

welcome. Transport can be arranged.

Details: Leisha Fullick, Southwark Institute, Queens Road Centre, St Mary's Road, SE15. Tel 639 1178

## Age concern

A conference on Thursday 26 November at Caxton Hall, London SW1 for employers, government agencies, trade unions and voluntary organisations to discuss prospects for older workers in employment.

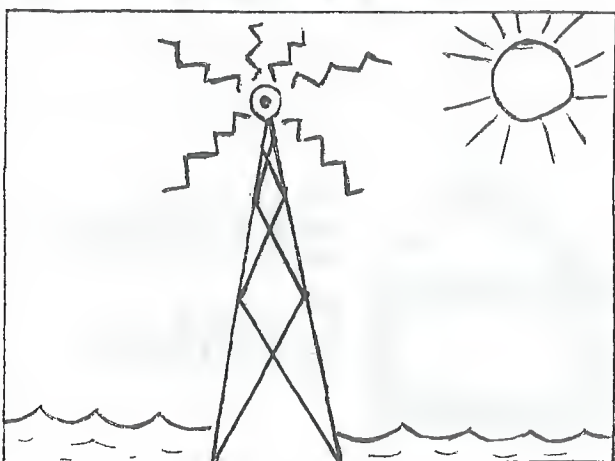
The conference begins with registration at 10am and the fee is £6. Closing date for applications 20 November 1981.

Inquiries to Age Concern England, Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL Tel 01 640 5431.

## War on Want

War on Want is launching its biggest ever appeal for money. If you want to join in by contributing one hour's pay - or more - send it to War on Want Campaign Desk, 467 Caledonian Road, N7.

## London Open Radio



If you as an individual or an organisation are interested in participating in the proposal by London Open Radio to establish an independent, non-commercial, uncensored, participant-controlled, 24hr, London-wide radio station, write or 'phone London Open Radio, 2 Warwick Crescent, London W2. Tel 289 7163/7164 for more information, bulletins and membership forms.

## Badminton club

A day time Badminton Club (10-5) is opening in St. Giles' Youth Centre Benhill Road. Membership is £3 a year - costs £1 an hour. Apply to the Youth Club Secretary, 105 Benhill Road or ring 701 0361 from 12 to 1.00 or 6 to 8 most evenings.

## Mentally handicapped

Cambridge House Mental Handicap Project needs a co-ordinator for weekend holidays. £200 for about 100 hours work. Details from Linda or Gill in the day or Fiona in the evenings on 732 4219.

## Parent infant network

New Parent Infant Network is a charity with funding for a one-year pilot project to give support to mothers before and after their babies are born in Guy's Health District.

They need to recruit up to 16 interested and sympathetic mothers to help provide this support. There will be a training and briefing period of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day a week for about 15 weeks.

If you're interested in volunteering, write to Ann Jenkins, NEWPIN, Sutherland House, Sutherland Road, SE17.

# HEALTH CARE

"Most people who need long-term care can and should be looked after in the community".

These are the opening words of a consultative paper published by the Department of Health and Social Security. It is called, "Care in the Community: A Consultative Document on Moving Resources for Care in England".

The people it is talking about are the old, the mentally ill and the mentally handicapped.

The paper estimates that 15,000 mentally handicapped people could be discharged from hospital at once. 5,000 mentally ill people could lead more independent lives. They have no overall figures for the elderly.

The DHSS recognises that it would do no good to cut down the number of hospital beds without providing more alternatives. Transfer from hospital to community health care isn't something that the authors see to be a problem. They do foresee more serious difficulties in transferring resources so that Social Services can take over more instead of the National Health Service.

The DHSS make various suggestions about cutting down red tape, and how money could be pooled or transferred from the Health Service to the local authorities. They also suggest that voluntary organisations take on work on behalf of the local authorities.

They have asked for comments on the paper by the 30th of november. If you want to comment, you should contact Alexander Flaming House at the Elephant on 407 5522.

## xmas cards

Christmas cards with pictures of Britain's most famous cathedrals are being sold for £4.80 for 12

by Gee & Co (Publishers) Ltd., 151 Strand WC2. Part of the proceeds goes to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

## STUDENT PLACEMENTS

South East London College is looking for organisations that would be prepared to take on a student for work experience. This would be for a limited period on Wednesday each week. Further details from Deirdre on 852 4963.



## Farewell Sharon...

Sharon Collins, General Secretary for the last five years, left SCVS last month. She will be missed by many individuals and organisations in the Borough and particularly by the staff at SCVS office. We wish her luck in the future.

We will be joined in mid November by her replacement, Jenny Styles, who

## Welcome Jenny Stiles

comes to SCVS from the London Voluntary Service Council where she has been working as Community Development Officer and we look forward to her arrival.

At the beginning of November we shall also be welcoming Jenny Williams as part time fieldworker who replaces Christine Coombes.



## JOB

Camberwell Abbeyfield Society need a mature Relief Housekeeper to cook, shop and clean in the absence of a resident housekeeper at various addresses in North Dulwich and Camberwell (usually one/two weeks at a time). S/he receives a food allowance for each resident for which s/he must keep detailed accounts. Details from Ms F Storey, 61 Grove Park, London SE5 8LF, tel 274 5233.

## Accommodation

Offices of the First Nations of Canada need to find places to stay for 200 North American Indians who are visiting London between 12-15 November. Accommodation for groups of 20-30 people is needed + help with meals and transport. Inquiries to Pauline Douglas, Suite B, The Mansions, Bramham Gardens, London SW5, tel 370 6636.

## Musicians!

Southwark Music wants singers and instrumentalists. If you can play or sing, contact Denis Coleman, 201a Honor Oak Road, SE23 on 699 3309.

## Hall for hire

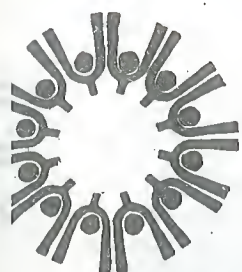
St Giles' Parish Hall, Benhill Road is available for hire on Wednesday and Thursday evenings for £15. It is large with a stage but not suitable for discos.

A smaller hall and other rooms are also available. Wedding receptions, family parties etc are welcome on Saturdays for £50 up to 11pm.

Bookings and details at St Giles' Church in Camberwell Church Street on Wednesday evenings.

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## NEWSLETTER

### WITHOUT COMMENT

The following table was drawn up by officers of Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough Council.

Grants expenditure excludes rate relief and urban aid grants.

#### GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 1980/81

|                      | <u>Population</u> | <u>Grants<br/>Expenditure</u> | <u>Grants<br/>Expenditure<br/>Per Head</u> | <u>Total Borough<br/>Expenditure<br/>Per Head</u> | <u>Grants as %<br/>of Total<br/>Expenditure</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                      |                   | £                             | £                                          | £                                                 |                                                 |
| Camden               | 186,900           | 2,321,200                     | 12.42                                      | 462.53                                            | 2.68                                            |
| Greenwich            | 214,000           | 380,520                       | 1.78                                       | 209.37                                            | 0.85                                            |
| Hackney              | 190,300           | 812,230                       | 4.27                                       | 334.09                                            | 1.28                                            |
| Hammersmith & Fulham | 164,400           | 961,632                       | 5.85                                       | 277.85                                            | 2.11                                            |
| Islington            | 168,000           | 883,780                       | 5.26                                       | 385.94                                            | 1.36                                            |
| Kensington & Chelsea | 153,000           | 1,016,670                     | 6.64                                       | 217.78                                            | 3.05                                            |
| Lambeth              | 272,290           | 1,420,166                     | 5.22                                       | 341.26                                            | 1.53                                            |
| Lewisham             | 240,600           | 990,530                       | 4.12                                       | 276.82                                            | 1.49                                            |
| Southwark            | 215,000           | 408,240                       | 1.90                                       | 371.00                                            | 0.51                                            |
| Tower Hamlets        | 148,500           | 501,020                       | 3.37                                       | 360.99                                            | 0.93                                            |
| Wandsworth           | 263,900           | 789,336                       | 2.99                                       | 235.78                                            | 1.27                                            |
| Westminster          | 209,900           | 1,476,970                     | 7.04                                       | 267.68                                            | 2.63                                            |
| Inner London Average |                   |                               | 4.93                                       | 309.02                                            | 1.60                                            |

## NCVO Insurance

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has an insurance scheme for organisations affiliated to councils for voluntary service. It covers:

**PUBLIC LIABILITY** indemnifying committees and voluntary workers against claims from third parties for accidental injury and/or damage to property.

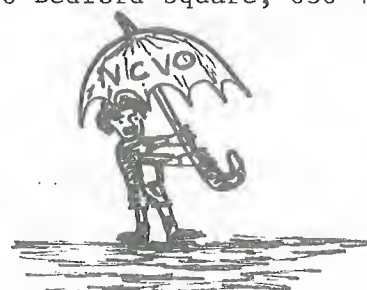
**PERSONAL ACCIDENT** to any committee member or registered volunteer while working in a specified activity organised by the committee.

The Scheme runs for 12 months commencing 1st May each year. Committees insuring after 1st November are accepted at 50% of normal rates.

**EXAMPLE PREMIUM** for public liability:

£0.10 per annum for each committee member or helper.

Further information from Derek Lowman at NCVO 26 Bedford Square, 636 4066.





## SPECIAL SCVS MEETING

The Great Rates Robbery - Continuing

TUESDAY 12 TH JANUARY 1982 - 2.30 p.m.  
SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

How Rate Support Grant is worked out -  
what the new Local Government Finance  
Bill will mean - what GRE is - and  
100 other questions answered!

If you care about preserving local  
services, come and find out how.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

PEOPLE CARE ASSOCIATION are a  
group of people who get together every  
Christmas Day to give a party to as many  
senior citizens and lonely people as they  
can afford.

Volunteers are needed for general help,  
entertaining and transport.

Contact SCVS Voluntary Workers Bureau  
on 732 5729



Asian Women's Community Workers Group  
need volunteer driver(s) to drive minibus  
for occasional outings for women and  
children. Must be over 25 with clean  
licence. Volunteers ring Jane, SCVS on  
732 3731.



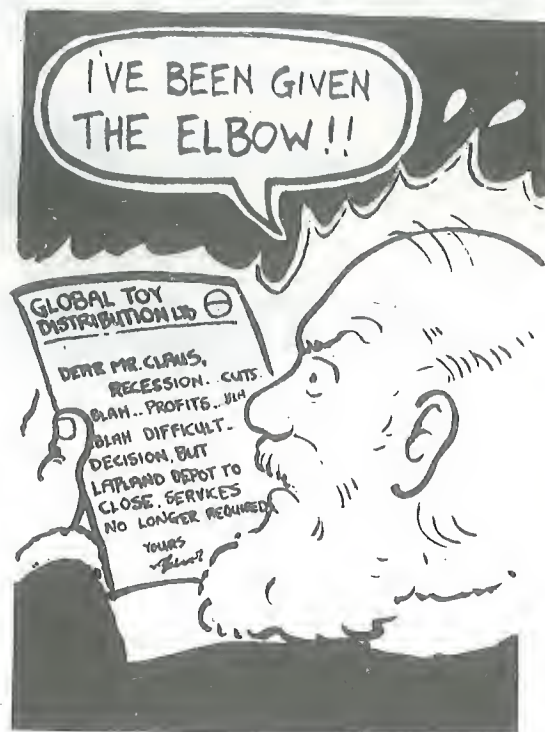
## AGROPHOBICS

group of agrophobics are trying to get  
in touch with other agrophobics,  
ex-agrophobics or interested people to  
form a self help group. If you are  
interested or know anyone who might be  
contact Stella Baker on 693 7167 after  
2.30 p.m.

## DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

SCVS is updating its Directory.  
If your organisations has changed  
within the last twelve months, please  
let us know by the end of the year.

## SUPA XMAS CARDS



Southwark Unemployed People's Action  
Group (who are sponsored by SCVS,) have  
produced their own Christmas cards  
based around the topic of  
Unemployment.

The cards are available from their  
premises at 6 Peckham High Street,  
or can be bought at SCVS.

If you want to know more about them  
please contact Pat on 732 9777.

## SOUTHWARK CND



Southwark CND is a growing organisation  
and would welcome new members. They  
can also arranged film shows and speakers  
ready and willing to attend branch/ward  
meetings etc. and can supply masses of  
literature and posters.

The CND is now a world wide movement and  
the Southwark Group is part of the  
unilateral disarmament movement in this  
country.

If you are concerned about the nuclear  
build up and increasing military  
expenditure, and would like to know more  
about Southwark CND, contact  
Debbie Lister 26 Crofton Road SE5  
703 9456 or  
Paul Davidson 84 East Dulwich Grove SE22  
693 6796.

## £ GLC GRANTS

Application forms for GLC grants to voluntary organisations are now available

The overall criteria for projects wishing to apply include interim funding on an emergency basis where, for example, previous assistance has been withdrawn, and funding where other Boroughs or agencies are unwilling or unable to provide support.

The specific criteria are that organisations need to be able to demonstrate:

- a) that its objectives can be justified as in the interests of London, its inhabitants or specific local need.
- b) that the granting of assistance will enable its operations to continue as a viable basis for the foreseeable future, in a way which achieves its stated objectives
- c) that self help and voluntary assistance is being maximised.
- d) a proper conduct of its affairs both general and financial.

Completed applications should be returned to

The Director General (DG/PR/F)  
GLC, Room 209, The County Hall  
SE1 7PB

by the 31st January 1982.

SCVS can offer help to any organisation in completing the form.



## NEW HARU REPORT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit has now been operating for over two years. It has just produced its 'Second Report; Review of Casework 1980/81. People who read the Unit's monthly 'HARU NEWS' will already have a copy. Any other readers can get one free from the Unit on 732 3649.

## £ CHILDREN IN NEED

If you want to apply for some of the money raised by the recent BBC APPEAL "Children in Need", SCVS has some application forms and copies of the guidelines.

The Guidelines state that grants may only be made to organisations which give direct help to children, and grants will generally be given only for a specific project to meet local needs. Transport and travel arrangements DO come within the scope of the appeal.

Forms from us or direct from the BBC, Broadcasting Support Services, 252 Western Avenue, London W3, tel. 992 5522.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BY 22nd JANUARY.



## N.SOUTHWARK PLAN

This is the LAST CHANCE to make any comments about the North Southwark District Plan. The last day for comments and objections by the public is WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 1981. All documents are available at public libraries and in the planning department at the Town Hall until that date.



## RENTS MEETING

The Southwark Group of Tenants Associations are calling on as many council tenants as possible to attend a meeting on WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 7.00p.m. GRAND COMMITTEE ROOM, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The meeting has been called to protest to MPs about the massive increases in Council house rents - another large increase in predicted in April 1982.

Leaflets about the meeting for distribution on estates are available from SGTA, plus details about coaches that have been hired to take people to and from the meeting.

SGTA also urge TAs and individual tenants to write to their MPs to their councillors, to let them know how they feel about the increases, and to ask them also to attend the meeting and support the protest.

SGTA, 190 Southwark Park Road SE16  
231 7275.



## JOBS

### LEWISHAM CHC HEALTH PROJECT

Action research worker wanted with experience of group work in communities and basic research methods.

The worker will be pioneering a community health approach within a CHC in close association with an experimental neighbourhood project.

Salary: £7241 - £8704

Closing date: 17th December

Contact: Lewisham CHC  
13 Catford Broadway SE6 690 8777

### PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

has vacancies for the post of Playscheme Manager and groups leaders for the Easter and Summer playschemes 1982.

Apply to the administrator at Cambridge House 131 Camberwell Road SE5  
Telephone 703 5025.

### PECKHAM SETTLEMENT

Requires two part time experienced Community workers to work on a job share basis. The jobs are three days a week, to work with:

- a) Black teenage school boys
- b) Young black mothers
- c) Their parents and schools
- d) Liaise with relevant agencies

The Project already has set up a Day Nursery, Sewing Classes and a Single Mothers Group. One worker is to work with girls, the other with boys.

Pay for a three day week - £3000 to £4500 per annum. Closing date 4th December.

For further details contact Sue Lerwill  
639 1823 or 639 3823, Peckham Settlement  
Staffordshire Street London SE15.



Samantha Brown, age 5

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JOHN HARVARD LIBRARY,  
211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
LONDON,  
SE1 1JA

# Happy Christmas



Southwark

# Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane. SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

January 1982

## NEWSLETTER

### COUNCIL CUTS

Southwark Council has agreed to follow the first of the Government's new guidelines for spending cuts in 1982/3.

The cut will be 1% in real terms (ie. after accounting for inflation) and will include:

- closing Spa Road reference library
- closing swimming pools, washbaths and laundries
- closing two garden nurseries
- few repairs by highways workers
- cutting overtime in the Environmental Health Department
- scrapping the staff magazine
- charging organisations for council agendas.

Total cuts targets by Committee will be:

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Highways and Works     | £573,000 |
| Housing                | £571,000 |
| Libraries & Amenities  | £364,000 |
| Social Services        | £292,000 |
| Finance                | £261,000 |
| Planning & Development | £121,000 |
| Establishment          | £118,000 |

### SPECIAL SCVS MEETING

The Great Rates Robbery - Continuing

TUESDAY 12 TH JANUARY 1982 - 2.30 p.m.  
SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

How Rate Support Grant is worked out - what the new Local Government Finance Bill will mean - what GRE is - and 100 other questions answered!

Further announcements are awaited from the DoF about restrictions on local authority spending. As usual these are expected to affect inner London particularly badly. So much for the Government's much vaunted plans for inner city revival!

It is ironic that London local government looks likely to bear the brunt of cuts again next year. Since 1975 local government nationally has cut its spending by 20.9%, while central government has increased its by 7.9%, mostly on defence and paying people not to work. Since 1974 average earnings have risen by 163%, while much maligned rates have only gone up by 125%.

### Out of hospital

The Government is offering £1 million over four years to help move children out of mental handicap hospitals and into "more homely surroundings" in the community.

Grants will be made to voluntary bodies on a basis of £1 for each £1 raised elsewhere. Projects will need to have their local authority's approval. Any proposed scheme will need to provide better care for children for whom the local authority is responsible, and necessary money, schools and back-up services will need to be available.

Copies of the guidelines are available from:  
D.H.S.S., Room 0413,  
Alexander Fleming House,  
Elephant and Castle, SE1 6BY.



# KING'S C.H.C.

# district health authorities

(i) The Accident and Emergency Department, King's College Hospital was built in 1913 and designed to see about 80,000 people a year. Currently almost twice that number visit the Department each year and it is in great need of upgrading. However the Regional Health Authority have just stopped plans to develop the Department by removing them from their ten year Capital Programme. This is the second serious delay and means that nothing will happen until the middle of the 1990's!

At the same time as delaying badly needed improvements the RHA is also consulting on Accident and Emergency Services in the Region.

King's CHC would welcome thoughts and experiences about the Accident and Emergency Department at King's.

(ii) 9,000 people signed the petition to save the Radiotherapy Department. The RHA is discussing the recommendations.

For information on either of these issues please contact: Gill Lucas, King's CHC, 75 Denmark Hill, SE5  
Tel 703 9498

## award

Southwark Council has won an award from the Plain English Campaign for its new Rent and Rate Rebate Forms. Congratulations!

Take up of rebates has increased by 20% since the Form was introduced in April 1981. Although the clear and attractive new forms must take some credit for this, so must the rapid rate at which council rents are being forced up by the Government.

## W.P. ON PLAY

The next meeting of the Working Party on Play will be on Monday 25 January 1982 (and NOT the 11 January as previously arranged). 2.00pm at SCVS.

With the new District Health Authorities (DHA's) due to come into being in April 1982, Chairpeople have now been named for them.

Southwark will be covered by Camberwell HA (previously King's Health District) and Lewisham and North Southwark HA (a merger of Lewisham and Guy's Districts).

Chairman of Camberwell HA will be Victor Brett, recently retired as manager of Shell UK Ltd's distribution division.

The Managing Director of Guinness Mahon, merchant bankers, David Berriman, will chair the Lewisham and North Southwark HA.

The DHA's will be responsible for planning and running local health services.

The Regional Health Authority - as at present - will be responsible for overall strategic planning

## OPEN DOOR

Open Door is a weekly television slot on BBC2 which is available to people who wish to make their own TV programmes. It began in 1973 and since then, over 150 groups and individuals have used the opportunity to put their own point of view. There is assistance and expertise available to those who participate. There aren't any fees involved. If you would like to know more write to, OPEN DOOR, BBC Television, London W12 8QT

## Access Courses

Access Courses are for people who wish to train for professional jobs e.g. social worker or teacher but who do not have the qualifications to get on a course.

The Access Course offers a basic one year training from which people then go on to the professional courses. Unlike most training Access Courses have been designed with an awareness that Britain is a multi-cultural society. Women of West Indian background are one group who statistics show have taken successful advantage of these courses.

Recruitment takes place from January and February for next September.

A leaflet with further information about Access Courses can be obtained from Debbie Burnett, Community Work Service; LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, NW1.

## dockland planning

The London Dockland Development Corporation will in future be including SCVS on their weekly mailing list for information on planning applications.

The back-dated information for the Autumn has already been received. This and the new lists will be available at SCVS for member organisations to consult.

## dog

Desperately needed - a home for an 11 year old white Scotty dog. Fat, friendly, not wanting long walks but likes company. Ring Christine at HARU - 732 3649.

## towards a full life

This is the title of a new information guide for disabled people produced by Southwark Council's Libraries Service.

It lists names and addresses of contacts and meeting places of organisations of and for disabled people in Southwark.

Four sections list books of interest to disabled people. They are entitled: "The Social Context", "Coping with Everyday Life", "Family Life", and "Some Specific Disabilities".

Copies are available at your local Southwark Library (and SCVS has a few).

## GLC CONSULTATION

The GLC is preparing a planning strategy for both banks of the Thames in central London. They would welcome views from local organisations and have written to those they know would be interested in doing so. If your organisation would like to comment but have not heard from the GLC the people to contact at the GLC are Geoffrey Holland, 633 8907 or Barry Moore 633 1545.

Initially the GLC would like groups to send in a written statement unless a group has a particular reason why it needs to comment verbally the address to write to is: Geoffrey Holland, GLC Department of Transportation and Development, Room 405A, County Hall, SE1 7BP

The next stage will involve the preparation of a report by the GLC. Copies of this will be sent to interested groups for further consultation. This paper will set out the present situation, planning framework and the views of the groups participating.



## PART TIME POST

Local charity raising resources and supporting voluntary managed Adventure Playgrounds, seeks part-time paid Development Worker (10 hrs per week). Interesting and varied work with Charity Trustees and local groups. For more information contact:

Gerry Williams or Carrie Morgan,  
Southwark Play grounds Association  
c/o Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell New Road, SE5  
Tel: 703 5025 (mornings preferably).

## SEI

Welcome back to SEI, Southwark's own Community Newspaper. If you are interested in participating in the production of the paper or would like to spread news about events in Southwark please drop into 12 Maymott Street, SE1 or 'phone Rob Ritchie, 735 5168 or Nick Murray, 261 9119

## SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA

One in 300 to 400 babies of Afro/Caribbean descent are born with this illness, and one in 10 are born with sickle cell trait, which although it is NOT an illness, has important genetic implications.

If you would like to know more about this condition come to a SEMINAR on Thursday 28th January 1982 in Room 119, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, Brixton. 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Contact King's Community Health Council, 75 Denmark Hill, SE5  
Tel 703 9498 for further details.

## courses

An index of courses likely to be of interest to community workers and members of community groups in London is prepared regularly by The Community Work Service of the London Voluntary Service Council.

The list for January to March has just become available. It will be sent out automatically by CWS to those who receive their regular newsletter.

Other people can obtain the list by asking Debbie Burnett, CWS  
68 Chalton Street NW1, 388 0241.

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JOHN HARVARD LIBRARY,  
211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
LONDON.  
SE1 1JA

# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter OVERSPILL

## THEATRE

The Remarkable Worlds of Edmund E is the title of Network Theatre's current Touring production: a children's show set to original music and song, on the themes of good and evil, and including a battle with the devil, trips to the underworld, prehistoric cave-men and plenty of audience participation.

Network Theatre, who recently appeared successfully at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, are a group of actors who devise all their own shows to fit the individual talents of their members.

Bookings in and around London can be made for the show, which runs until Easter. Up to 150 children aged from 5 upwards can be accommodated for each performance, but you need to provide the performance area (15' x 20' minimum).

The company welcome the opportunity to organise a playground procession before the performance, and a "discussion/workshop" with the children afterwards.

Apart from the performance area, they need:

- one hour to set up before the children can be admitted;

- a changing room;
- a power point.

(if lighting facilities exist they would welcome the use of them)

Fee is £30 (negotiable under special circumstances) per performance, or £50 for 2 performance on any given day in the same venue.

Contact: Company Manager, Clive Clavering, 82 Hanworth House, John Ruskin Street, SE5 or ring Lisa Davidson on 802 9665.

## TEACHER TRAINING

The Polytechnic of the South Bank is advertising a 4-year course for mature students leading to a B.Ed Degree in Primary Teaching. Three years are part-time on three days per week, 10am - 3pm, the other year is full-time.

Normal entry qualifications are 'O' and 'A' levels. Exceptional entry (their emphasis) is available for unqualified entrants.

Advisory interviews are given.

Contact ('phone or write):  
The Admission Co-ordinator,  
Polytechnic of the South Bank,  
New Kent Road Annexe,  
83 New Kent Road, SE1 6RD  
Tel 407 8191

## OUT OF SCHOOL conference

There will be an opportunity for representatives of local groups to meet and perhaps form a National Network at a Conference on 16 January 1982 at Caxton House, Islington, London.

It will also be a chance to point out to central and local government that "Out of School" provision for the 5 - 14 year olds is inadequate and that this is an urgent priority for action.

Please send for details of conference to: Jan Loxley, Co-ordinator Out of School Project, 7 Exton Street London SE1 8UE, enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope.



## **Family Forum** , based at Cambridge House, **write:**

Whenever families are under discussion the question of the need for education for adulthood/parenthood is raised.

Recently the National Children's Bureau has researched the existing services under three headings:

- (i) in school;
- (ii) in further education/pre-marital/pre-natal;
- (iii) post-natal.

They have found that "an awful lot is going on" but that it is uneven, fragmented inconsistent and not organised.

In order that people have a better chance of having good relationships through life and of producing healthy happy children young people need more opportunity to learn and discuss the questions that arise as they are growing up and assuming responsibilities. How can we give them that chance?

How can we make the relevant courses in schools interesting and attractive?

How should we encourage pregnant mothers (and fathers) to attend ante-natal classes?

How should we present support/help/counsel to young parents who are dealing with the worries and confusion as well as all the good things associated with having a first baby?

If some or all of these things were effective families would have a lot fewer problems - and be much happier.

Family Forum is interested in helping to make them more effective - it may take time.....it will be worth it.

FAMILY FORUM, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road London SE5 0HF  
Telephone: 01-703 8606 703 6413

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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Funding for Advice Centre in the Blue (ACB)

ACB is at present in an extremely precarious financial position, and is in danger of closing if immediate action is not taken.

Background

ACB is currently funded by Urban Aid and Docklands Urban Aid, both of which expire in April 1982. It is a well established advice centre with a high reputation for providing a much-needed service in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, which includes the developing Surrey Docks area. Much of this area is isolated from the rest of the borough by poor public transport; there is high unemployment and a particularly high level of council housing.

Financial Position

ACB is in the Docklands Development Area, and so in 1980 it applied for Docklands Urban Aid funding, in order to continue its service, including outreach work in the Surrey Docks area, which is particularly inaccessible. It was granted funding, but for one year only; until April 1982. ACB appealed against this decision. In the meantime it applied for funding under the general urban aid programme as well (official title is Traditional Urban Programme Circular 22). This application was sent, with all the other Southwark Urban Aid applications, via Southwark Council to the Dept of the Environment, who make the final decision. Although the voluntary sector in Southwark gave ACB very high priority, its chances of getting funding under Circ. 22 are reduced because

a) as ACB is in the Docklands area, it is not entirely appropriate for it to be funded this way.

b) Southwark Council gave it low priority on the list it submitted to the Dept of the Environment, on the assumption that it would get Docklands funding anyway.

However, despite endless enquiries, ACB cannot get any decision from the Dept of the Environment on its appeal for Docklands Urban Aid. This is because in theory, such a matter should go through the newly-formed London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), and then to the Dept of the Environment for a final decision. However the LDDC is still sorting out its administrative arrangements, including how it relates to the Dept of the Environment, and ACB's appeal is being passed from one to the other, with no-one from either the LDDC or the Dept of the Environment taking responsibility for it.

Meanwhile, as ACB tries to find out its position with respect to Docklands money, another section of the Dept of the Environment is deciding which projects it will fund under Traditional Urban Aid, Circ 22. ;.....

Action-

ACB wants organisations to appeal to Michael Heseltine, saying that since ACB has been caught up in the transitional arrangements involved in the setting up of the new LDDC, it should be treated as a special case, and a decision made to fund it urgently under Docklands Urban Aid for the full period it has asked for.

Letters to: The Rt Hon Mr Michael Heseltine M.P.; Secretary of State, Dept of the Environment, 2 Marsham St London SW1 3 EB.

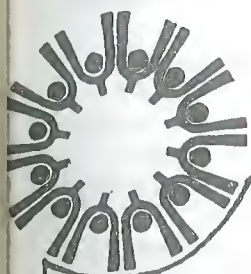
Stress the importance of ACB in the area, and what a disaster it would be if it was forced to close.

Further information from Frances or Rob, at ACB tel 231 2471/2. Please send them copies of any letters you write, at Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Rd London SE16.

THANK YOU







# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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February 1982

## NEWSLETTER RATE SUPPORT GRANT SLASHED

The government grant to Southwark to support the rates is being drastically cut this year. The Council's planned expenditure for 1982/3 is between £89m and £90m. The government has however set several "thresholds" and will start cutting away Southwark's grant if it spends over £66m; the penalties are very severe if the Council spends over £82.5m. The Council is therefore considering cuts in its budget, or increasing charges to the sum of £7½m. All this will be in addition to the government assumptions of a £2.50p.w. average rent rise for the long-suffering tenants.

Decisions have not yet been taken by the Council on these unpalatable options.

For some reason, however, Heseltine is still not satisfied with his powers and under the Finance Bill No.2 currently going through Parliament, he is seizing even more total power over Councils with the right to withhold grant to any Council he dislikes on the grounds of "the general economic" circumstances.

The voluntary sector must make its voice heard on issues which affect the whole community in Southwark as fundamentally as this.

### CONSCRIPTION ?

The Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Norman Tebbit has recently published his proposals for the future of training young people. His principal scheme - the Youth Training Scheme, heralds many the introduction of some new and possibly disturbing features - these are:

- a) after Sept.1983 - 16 year olds will no longer be eligible for supplementary benefit, so they'll be freed into the scheme;
- b) the training allowance for youngsters on the scheme will be 'around £15p.w.' (£10 less than now);
- c) feasibility studies are currently being undertaken into "service cadetships" (i.e. military service) as a component of this scheme.

For more information contact the Employment Unit or read the White Paper.

### ILEA cuts

The Southwark Parents Action Committee was recently formed for parents to protest to the Government at the proposed cuts in ILEA spending.

Further action is planned for when the bill goes for its third reading. Feelings are running so high that parents are even prepared to appeal to the House of Lords.

Further information from SPAC on 701 0873.

OPEN DOOR is a weekly slot on BBC2 giving airtime to people to make their own television programmes. It's run by the Community Programme Unit and you will get all the technical and editorial advice you need and the services of professional film and studio crew. It's open to anyone who has an idea of the sort of programme they would like to put on television - particularly if it's a subject television seems to have overlooked. You can apply by writing to Open Door, BBC Television, London W12 8QT



## Danger!

Some imported sterile dressings have been found to be contaminated with bacteria. They usually form part of kits kept for first-aid purposes. The dressings are generally labelled Standard Dressing BPC or BP and have a number. They do not carry a brand name or the name of the manufacturer. They are non-adhesive and used as absorbent wound dressings. Any such dressings should be destroyed.

For more detailed information contact Dr H James, Guys Health District Community Health Services, Mary Sheridan House, 15 St Thomas Street London SE1 9RY

## BBC EDUCATION

A full list of BBC community education programmes starting before March 1982 can be obtained from Educational Broadcasting Information (30/CE), BBC, London W1A 1AA. Tel 580 4468. Some of these are : Working for Safety (Safety and health in the workplace) starting BBC1 Sunday 9.45-10.10am on 14.2.82 for 5 weeks. See Hear! (for deaf and hard of hearing) on BBC1 Sunday 11 - 11.25am starting 3.1.82 for 8 weeks and Working With Girls (particularly for Youth Workers) on Radio 4 VHF Monday 11-11.30pm starting 22.3.82 for 3 weeks.

## Summer Holiday

Nansen Child Care Agency is a newly formed agency setting out to build up a bank of information on organisations which provide holidays or intermediate treatment placements for socially disadvantaged young people up to age 20.

These facilities will either be visited in person or asked for information. In time for 1982 bookings, Nansen hope to provide Social Services Departments and other agencies in London with advice on suitable placements for children they wish to sponsor.

The next step will be to research sources of funding where local authorities are not able to pay.

Information would be gratefully received by Ms. F. M. Shepherd, Director Nansen Child Care Agency, PO Box 243, London SW1 4LX, tel. 834 2014/2024.

## LDDC Planning

The Planning Committee of the London Docklands Development Corporation has decided that in addition to publishing the weekly list of planning applications, details of applications to be considered by each committee can be provided on request once agendas have been issued to members.

Normally this is not later than the Wednesday before each meeting. Provisional dates for meetings are: Feb 8th and 22nd, March 8th and 22nd and April 5th and 19th.

Applications occasionally raise major policy issues and these are referred to the main Board of the Corporation.

The Planning Committee also decided that individual copies of the formal decision notices can be provided to interested parties at a charge of £1 or by phone from Geoff McMillan, LDDC, West India House, Millwall Dock, London E14 9TJ, tel. 515 3000

## Building professionals

Professional advice from surveyors, architects etc is expensive. Not all the people who need this sort of advice can afford it, and there is no system of direct State aid available.

The SCVS Volunteer Bureau has at least one volunteer architect on its books who specialises in rehabilitation work. There is also a radical architects' group in Southwark, 'Support', which have helped a group of tenants on Pullens Estate, Walworth, with drawings for bathroom installations which they needed in order to apply for Council improvement grants. ('Support' prefer to work with groups and do negotiate a fee as they work full-time).

Details from Volunteer Bureau/Housing Advice Resource Unit.

The Chartered Surveyors' Voluntary Service is a group of volunteer surveyors, whose reports have often proved extremely valuable to advice agencies, particularly in the case of Council-owned properties in disrepair or with damp problems. The group work through the CABx but will accept work via any of the neighbourhood advice centres in Southwark as well.

Details from HARU/Margaret Oram (Southwark CAB)/Nigel Parratt (Peckham CAB).

## Gulbenkian Grants

Funding for Community Communications 1982. This may be the last year in which the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation considers grant applications in the field of community communications. Projects which endeavour to spread activities over several years would be welcomed.

Grants will be considered from anywhere in the UK in these fields:

- 1) Regional or national co-ordination: for ventures which assist in sharing ideas and co-ordinating effort in community communication.
- 2) Radio: assisting groups where commercial radio franchises are being advertised or new radio stations are being set up.
- 3) Distribution of audio-visual material: to improve the distribution of material produced by community groups.
- 4) New techniques: exploring the use of a new technique of communication.

Applications can only be accepted from registered charities. Write briefly stating (a) the purpose for which help is sought; (b) what the organisation is and what work it does; (c) the amount of money required and how this figure is arrived at. Write to Paul Curno, Assistant Director, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 98 Portland Place, W1N 4ET.

## Fundraising diary

SCVS will be keeping a diary of fundraising events such as jumble sales, bazaars, benefits.

If you let us know of the date you propose we can tell you who else might be holding a similar event on the same day, so you can change dates and avoid competition.

## Finance course

Basic book-keeping and finance skills for people in small non-statutory organisations. This is the subject of a short course at Goldsmith's College School of Adult and Social Studies on Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from February 3rd.

Fee £3. Contact Ann Lappin on 692 0211/7171 or after 5 p.m. on 692 4389.

## Caring, Sharing Co-op

The Eco Street Project in Coventry has just won an award of £100 for their skill-swap project. Eco-Street and 19 other community projects around the country have all entered into the Co-op Unions 'Community Awards Scheme'. All members of SCVS are eligible to enter. All you need to do is outline your projects' activities and send them to your local Co-operative Society - Member Relations Dept. We can help you draw up your submission which should be sent to either

Roy Martin - Education Secretary,  
Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society Ltd.,  
147 Powis Street,  
Woolwich.  
SE18 6JN.

Tel: 01-854 2000

or

Mr. H.T.J. Pichowski - Education Sec.  
South Suburban Co-operative Society Ltd.,  
99 London Road,  
Croydon.

Tel: 01-688 4488

The deadline for applications is May 31. If you are not sure which trading area your project falls in phone Steve Slater at SCVS who will be able to advise you.

## GLC Grants

Monday 1st March is the new deadline for applications to the GLC Grants Panel.

It was confirmed at their last meeting on January 20th that applications from community and voluntary organisations would be extended by one month. If you need an application form or any advice please get in touch with SCVS.

## T.I.N. Money Week

Teenage Information Network is holding a special "MONEY WEEK" from February 15th to 19th to look at many aspects of money. Young people and workers welcome.

A second event for young people "DAYTIME PROVISION", will be held on March 16th from 12.30 to 3.00: an opportunity to exchange ideas and discussion on what young people want.

Contact TIN, 102 Harper Road, SE1.  
tel. 403 2444.



# J O B S

Oxfam need a Volunteer Trust Visitor to work in the Appeals Department. He/she will visit selected trusts in the London area to discuss the making of grants in support of Oxfam's work and to report findings to the Trust Officer. The Volunteer needs to be sympathetic to the problem of the Third World and previous experience of working in developing countries would be an advantage. A commitment of one day per week on average is envisaged as a reasonable minimum. All out-of-pocket expenses will be recoverable. Contact Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford. Tel Oxford 56777.

A Community Worker is needed for 6 months by Voluntary Action, Westminster, to work in North Paddington. Experience, fundraising skills and knowledge of welfare rights and housing useful.

Salary AP4 (£7416 to £8052).  
Closing date 22nd January 1982.

Contact Charles Woodd, V.A.W.  
1 St Mary's Terrace, W2 1SU.  
Telephone 723 8511.

The Waterloo Health Project is a locally managed neighbourhood project based at a busy community centre. They want a second community worker. Experience essential.

Salary approx. £7,500. Closing date 5th Feb.

Job description and application from Waterloo Health Project. Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Rd., SE1, tel. 261 1404.

## Cancer Research

The Dulwich Group of Friends of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund is a new group formed in Southwark.

Further information from Mrs P. McPartland, Hon. Secretary, 9 Woodsyre, SE26.

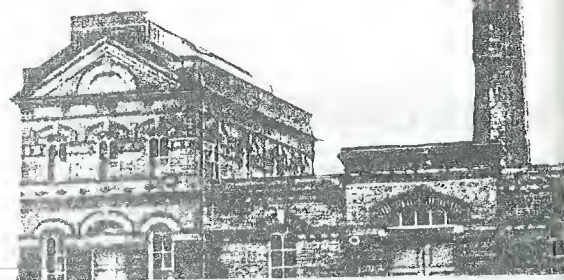
## Pretty Vacant

NCVO Inner Cities Unit is running a series of one day workshops to help voluntary and community organisations who are interested in taking initiatives to turn inner city vacant buildings to community use.

The second workshop on "Finding Skills and Technical Support for Vacant Building Projects", will be at 43 Bedford Square WC1 on Wednesday February 3rd from 10 to 4. There are 10 free places for community groups. The fee for other agencies is £3.

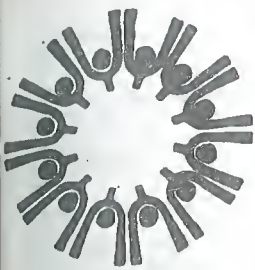
The third on "The Role of Local Authorities" will be held at Sheffield on 4 March 11-4.30.

Contact Robert Davies at NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU, Tel 636 4066.



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# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane, London SE15

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MARCH 1982

## NEWSLETTER

### DOCKLANDS MONEY

During the next few months the London Docklands Development Corporation will be giving grants probably totalling £2million to 'community' projects in their area. (The Docklands of Southwark, Tower Hamlets, and Newham.)

'Community projects' includes those submitted by local authorities, Health Services and the ILEA as well as requests from voluntary organisations.

Much remains to be clarified and decided. The LDDC began consultation on the subject by inviting SCVS, and our equivalents in Newham and Tower Hamlets, and Borough Council representatives to a meeting on 27th January. There they proposed the creation of a committee to cover the whole Docklands area which would make recommendations about the criteria for giving grants, and about the local consultative structure and generally about the way forward. Actual decisions will be made the the LDDC.

On 18th February (as the newsletter goes to print) criteria for grants have not been determined. It appears they will be for projects serving the people of docklands but that projects not actually located in the area will be able to apply. In some instances the LDDC envisages undertaking 100% funding. In others it is hoping for a funding partnership with the local authorities Health or Education authority.

In view of the activity on the LDDC front and their interest in consultation with the voluntary sector SCVS Executive Committee decided that SCVS should start a Docklands Interest Group for voluntary and community projects in the Southwark part of Docklands.

If you would like more information (as it becomes available) about LDDC grants or about the new interest group please phone Jane Belman at the SCVS office.

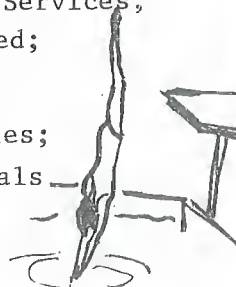


### GOING UP



The London Borough of Southwark's Social Services Committee has agreed that the following charges will be increased in line with inflation (that means 11%) with effect from 29th March 1982:

- Day Nurseries; Daily Minding; Day Care in Children's Homes; the Hollies; Swimming Pools; Children's Services; Holidays for the Handicapped; charges for Bed Sitters
- Recuperative Holidays;
- Christmas Day Activities;
- Lunch (Clubs and Meals on Wheels);
- Home Helps.



### SCVS AGM



SCVS's Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 16th March 1982 at the SCVS offices at 135 Rye Lane SE15 at 7.00 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Mr. Peter Westland, Under Secretary (Social Services) at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Mr. Westland is speaking on "Voluntary Organisations and the Threat to the Welfare State".



## LOAN SHARKS

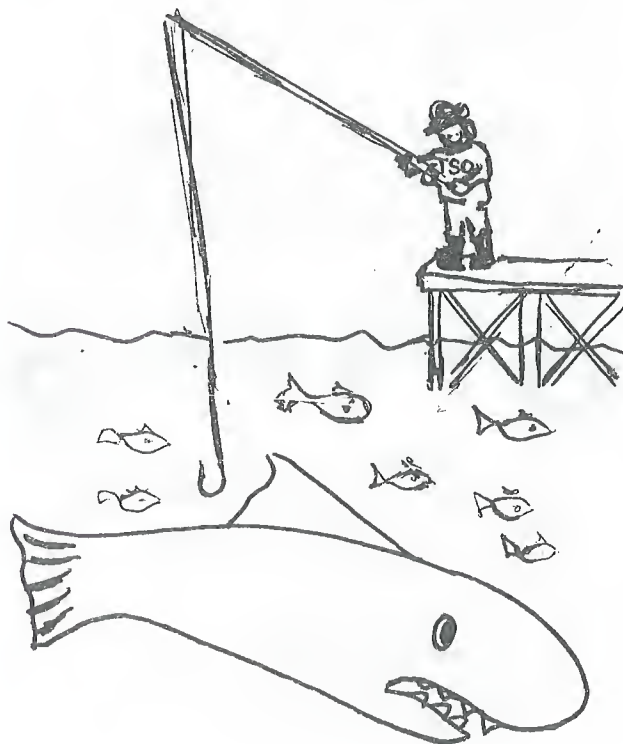
Southwark Council's Trading Standards Enforcement Officer, Eddie Fisher, is concerned at the way that people are increasingly having to go to dubious or disreputable sources to obtain credit or loans.

Such sources give credit on little security, but at astronomical interest rates, which are not made clear to the borrower.

He would like to know of any worrying cases you may come across, whether the loans are from finance companies, retail credit, or more informal sources, so that appropriate action can be taken. Obviously, such information will be treated confidentially.

Mr. Fisher is happy to provide leaflets which set out the law and regulations governing credit of all kinds, and to answer specific queries. He would also be pleased to organise a seminar, if there is demand (please let Jane Belman at SCVS know about this).

Mr. Fisher can be contacted at 299 0188 or 403 5867.



## PLAYGROUND FOR HANDICAPPED

A playground for handicapped children is opening in Kennington Park in the summer, organised by the Handicapped Adventure Playground Association. A play worker has been appointed and will start work in March.

The first playground specially designed for handicapped children was opened in 1970, and since then three other playgrounds have been established in London.



The Charlie Chaplin Playground (as it will be called) will cater for children living in the South London area with all types of mental, physical and emotional handicaps.

During term time use of the playground will be carefully timetabled. During holidays parents are invited to bring their children with their non-disabled siblings and friends.

HAPA are wanting to build up links with organisations and people in the Southwark area, and are wanting to include parents of handicapped children and handicapped people on the management side of the Playground.

Further information from Allan Sutherland, 64 Woolley House Loughborough Road SW9 Tel. 735 6971.

Activity Holidays are organised by the Association for all Speech Impaired Children. These holidays give parents and other members of the family a break from stresses which accompany life with a speech disordered young person, and gives the young person a week away which is happy and full of stimulation and challenging experiences, such as

Holiday enquiries to: Training & Development Office, AFASIC, The Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Aston, Birmingham 6.  
Tel: 021 359 2113/3562



# SUMMER'S COMING

## May

The Greater London Council is organising a May Day Festival in Burgess Park in Camberwell on Monday 3rd May. (Over the May Holiday weekend there are also GLC festivals in Battersea Park and Cutty Sark Gardens, south of the river).

The Burgess Park Festival will be on and around the new lakes with an emphasis on water sports and displays. A firework display on the water is also planned.

## June

The Nunhead Forum is organising another Community Festival for Nunhead in June. Ideas are welcome.

Contacts are Roger Smith (Chairman), 153a Peckham Rye, SE15, tel. 639 3945; and Audrey Jerdan-Cooke (Secretary), 23 Limesford Road, SE15, tel. 639 3248.

## Holiday Playschemes

If you are thinking of running a holiday Play Scheme this summer, and wish to apply for grant aid from the Holiday Projects Co-ordinating Committee, you can write now for application forms and a policy statement. It is not the Committee's intention to fund schemes in toto, and most favourable consideration is given to schemes where there is evidence of self-help and voluntary involvement. Schemes considered can cater for children 5 - 18, with some priority given to those catering for an older age range of 12 - 18 years. Apply to Area Youth Office, 83 Peckham Road SE5.

## HYSTERECTOMY GROUP

Would you be interested in a support group for women who have had, or are about to have, a hysterectomy?

Voluntary Action Lewisham (Lewisham CVS) have contacted SCVS about helping to establish a London network of people interested in the issue.

If you are interested, please contact Simon Denis, V.A.L.'s Information Development Officer, at 690 4343 ext 328.

# DOES IT ADD UP?

There are day and evening classes at the Bookplace for anyone who wants help with Maths.

- \* Are you worried about how your Social Security is worked out, or your next rebate?
- \* Do you want to help your children with their Maths Homework?
- \* Do you want to pass the entry test for a TOPS course?
- \* Do you want to work towards CSE or "O" Level?
- \* Do you just want to improve your Maths?

The tutors at the Bookplace will be able to help you wherever you need to start. The classes are friendly groups and you get lots of individual attention. If you have young children you can bring them with you in the day and leave them to play in the creche while you are learning. You can buy Maths books in the bookshop.

It costs £1 to join and nothing more.

Class times: Monday )  
Tuesday ) 10 - 12 noon  
Wednesday )



Tuesday 1 - 3 and  
7 - 9 p.m.

Phone or come in for more details.

Open 10 - 6 Monday to Saturday.  
Closed all day Thursday

The Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street  
SE15 Tel. 701 1757.

## POSTER

Can you display one of these posters advertising the SCVS Voluntary Workers Bureau?

If so, contact Amy Wallis, VWB Organiser, on 732 5729 (Tues, Wed, Thurs)





## **JOBS**

### EALING VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL

Applications are invited for the post of GENERAL SECRETARY of the Ealing Voluntary Service Council.

Experience of inter-agency organisation or social administration particularly relevant. Initiative, imagination and energy essential.

Salary scale SO2/PO1 £8991-10926 plus £483 London weighting. Superannuable.

Application form and further details from The Chairman, Ealing Voluntary Service Council, 48 South Ealing Road London W5.

### SOUTHWARK PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION

Local charity raising resources and supporting voluntary managed Adventure Playgrounds, seeks part time paid Development Worker (10 hours per week). Interesting and varied work with Charity Trustees and local groups. For more information contact:

Gerry Williams or Carrie Morgan  
Southwark Playgrounds Association  
c/o Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Road SE5  
Tel. 703 5025 (mornings preferably).

## **CO-OPS FAIR**



Southwark Co-operative Development Association is holding a Co-ops Fair on Saturday 27th March from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the John Maitland Hall (next to Christ Church), 27 Blackfriars Road, SE1.

There will be:

- stalls and power points available in the hall
- creche facilities
- refreshments being arranged
- films and video shows

Mike Ward, Chairperson of the GLC's Industry and Employment Committee has agreed to open the event.

Further details from the SCVS Employment Unit on 732 9777.

## **OOPS**

Last month we reported that any neighbourhood advice centre could make direct use of the Chartered Surveyors' Voluntary Service. Unfortunately this is not true. Referrals have to go through the CABx because the CSVS have negotiated insurance with National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux.



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## NEW SLETTER

### Urban Aid -mainly good news

St. Giles Centre  
Southwark Law Project  
Bermondsey Adventure Playground  
East Dulwich Adventure Playground  
Intermediate Treatment Centre  
Camberwell Grove Day Nursery  
Childminders Project  
Muslim Women's Association  
Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme  
Peckham Settlement  
Windsor Walk Housing Association  
Advice Centre in the Blue  
Blackfriars Advice Centre  
Ockenden Venture  
West Indian Teaching and Counselling Project  
Self help project for young Physically Handicapped

The Department of the Environment has announced that the above list of Southwark projects has been granted Urban Aid money.

The projects which were not successful although placed in the top twenty by Southwark Council are:

Rolls Road Adventure Playground (No. 5)  
Training Information Centre (No.9)  
Copleston Centre (No. 12)  
Homeless Action (No. 14)  
Community Liaison (No. 16)

Of the projects listed below No. 20 by Southwark Council only Self Help Work Project for Young Physically Handicapped has been successful. This had been listed No. 28.

On the whole the list of approvals accords well with the priorities as determined by the voluntary sector.

There are however a few serious disappointments. One of these is Copleston Centre's application which was to expand its neighbourhood work.

### SCVS Executive

At SCVS's AGM on 16th March the following officers were elected for 1982.

Chairperson: Shirley Otto  
Vice chairperson: Margaret Oram  
Treasurer: Peter Wright

Elected to join the Executive were:

|                     |                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Gill Lucas          | King's Community Health Council      |
| Mary Marshall       | Southwark Disablement Association    |
| Sally Nichols       | Southwark AEL                        |
| Christine Richards  | Southwark Parents Action Committee   |
| Virginia Wainwright | Southwark Unemployed People's Action |

The members of the previous Executive Committee who will continue to serve are:

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Ruby Brooksby     | South London Spastics        |
| Nel Clark         | Dachwyng Parents Association |
| Margaret Cochrane | Brook Advisory Service       |
| John Cottle       | Southwark Youth Committee    |
| Beth Falkingham   | Elephant Jobs                |
| Peter Hudson      | Blackfriars Settlement       |
| Eileen McNally    | Age Concern                  |
| Colin Rochester   | Cambridge House              |
| Khalid Sharif     | Southwark Asian Organisation |
| Frances Sullivan  | Advice Centre in the Blue.   |



# FUND RAISING



will be the subject of a training session to be held at SCVS on

**Thurs 29th April — 10 am– 12 noon**

Cle Newhook will be the speaker. Cle, as Director of the Albany in Deptford, has raised over £3 million for their new building. After Cle's introduction there will be questions and a discussion during which we hope participants will pool their own ideas and knowledge as well as problems they have encountered.

The session is open to anyone who wishes to attend but is aimed at people who have to fundraise for small voluntary organisations or community groups rather than at the staff of the big voluntary organisations in the Borough for whom fundraising is a very familiar part of their daily task.

Please let SCVS know if you will be coming.

## Community Arts Money

Projects in Southwark are among those which will benefit from the most recent grants announced by the Greater London Council Arts and Recreation Committee.

Blackfriars Settlement receives £4724 for its community photography project. The Temba Theatre Company, a leading black theatre company, get £1745 towards the costs of three one-week seasons of drama. One of its venues is Southwark College.

In all 22 projects throughout London will be made grants totalling £40928.

## 1981 Census

Initial results for Inner London have been published from the 1981 Census.

They show Southwark showing one of the greatest declines in population of the inner London boroughs since 1971 (20.2%). Its 'usually resident' population is shown as 209735. Southwark also has one of the highest proportions of children aged 0-4 (6%) and people aged over 44 (39.4%). It's near the bottom of the league table for residents born outside the UK (16.6%).

One perhaps surprising statistic is that Southwark had only 1.7% of its population living in 'communal

establishments' like hostels, hospitals, and hotels as against an Inner London average of 2.7%. Only four boroughs had a smaller proportion.

The eight pages of notes and tables, entitled "OPCS County Monitor: Inner London" are available price 30p from: Information Branch (Dept M) Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway London WC2B.

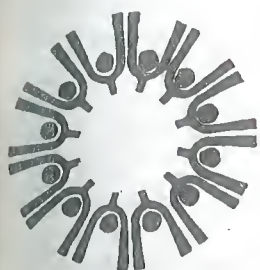
## County Hall Computers

The GLC has opened a demonstration room at Room 97 in County Hall to show Londoners how computers could be useful to them.

The aim is to remove the mystique which surrounds computers in the popular mind, so that community groups, charities, voluntary bodies and trades unions realise the time and effort they could save themselves.

If you group would like to study the computers and have them explained, ring Linda Sadler or Ian Wall on 633 5585 to book a date and time.

(This is one of the GLC's contributions to Information Technology Year.)



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## NEWSLETTER

### New Faces

The new chairmen and vice-chairmen of Council committees have now been elected by the new Council members. They are as follows:

MAYOR: Mike Geater

DEPUTY MAYOR: Mabel Goldwin

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Alan Davis

DEPUTY LEADER: Bob Smyth

#### Establishment Committee

CHAIR: John Fowler

VICE-CHAIR: Sandy McPherson

#### General Purposes and Finance Committee

CHAIR: Peter Cather

VICE-CHAIR: Barry Quirk

#### Highways and Works Committee

CHAIR: Ron Slater

VICE-CHAIR: Tony Goss

#### Housing Committee

CHAIR: Tony Ritchie

VICE-CHAIR: Annie McNaught

#### Libraries and Amenities Committee

CHAIR: Solomon Parry

VICE-CHAIR: John Wentworth

#### Planning and Development Committee

CHAIR: Geoff Williams

VICE-CHAIR: Nick Snow

#### Social Services Committee

CHAIR: Paula Moore

VICE-CHAIR: Helen Penn



### Camberwell Community Health Council

The first meeting of the new Community Health Council (which covers the same locality as the former King's CHC) will take place on Thursday 15th July 1982, at 6.30p.m. in the Boardroom of King's College Hospital (Bessemer Road entrance).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES

Over 30 voluntary organisations were represented at a meeting in May which elected the following 7 members to the new Camberwell CHC:

ADRIAN SPELLER (S.E. London Consortium)  
VIVIAN SIMPSON (Dachwyng Parents' Assoc.)  
DOREEN DREW (Vassall Neighbourhood Council)  
ROSEMARY EGGAR (Cambridge House & Talbot)  
OLIVE PAYNE (Southwark Mencap)  
MARGARET ECCLESTONE (Centre 70 Community Organisation)  
KATHY WEST (S.E. London Consortium Housing Association)

The first 4 people will hold office for 4 years, the remainder for 2 years.

The reserves are:

JENNY HAWKS (Lambeth Action for Handicapped Children)  
LOUISE MALCOLM (Southwark Council for Community Relations)

Voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome to contact Camberwell Community Health Council on any issue relating to the Health Service, at 75 Denmark Hill, SE5 (tel. 703 9498).



## Conferences

### Special Conference on London's Docklands

The Joint Docklands Action Group (JDAG) and the Campaign to Restore Democracy in Docklands are organising a half-day conference on Docklands on Saturday 19th June at the Student Union Building, Queen Mary's College, Mile End Road, E3.

It is for trade union branches, trades councils, community groups, Labour councillors and MPs. The aim is to formulate a broad-based response to the London Docklands Development Corporation and develop strategies for action.

Speakers include Nigel Spearing M.P., Alan Davis, and George Nicholson.

### Conference on Community Health Issues

The Association of Community Workers is running a conference for community activists and workers, which will focus on the broad range of health-related issues.

The conference will have workshops on a wide range of issues and will allow for people to sample a variety of workshops or to develop in-depth knowledge of one particular interest area.

Workshops include: self-help; race issues; women's issues; mental health; elderly people; politics and power in the NHS; health and the environment, home and work.

Date: September 17th-19th. Venue: Sheffield. Cost: £2.50 up to £33, depending on food/accommodation required. More details from Pete Sacher, c/o Redvers House, Union Street, Sheffield (tel. 0742-734600).

## Pensioners attack Death Grant proposals

Government plans to change the death grant came under fierce attack last month from the Southwark Pensioners' Action Group (SPAG) and from Harriet Harman, Labour's Prospective Parliamentary candidate for Peckham.

Matthew Morris, SPAG's secretary, told the press:

"The Government's proposals will come as a dreadful blow to many elderly people and others on low incomes in Southwark."

## Docklands Housing

The 2nd East End Blitz: Destruction of the Docklands Housing Programme by JDAG

As is clear from the title this is highly critical of current housing policies in the Docklands area. The main example used is the new development at Beckton in Newham, but the book equally is relevant to Southwark where very similar plans are under way for the Surrey Docks area.

The authors deplore the removal of planning powers and land ownership from the Dockland local authorities and its vesting in the non-elected London Docklands Development Corporation. They are critical that housing developments are not in the interest of the people of the Boroughs and assert that through the loss of most of the vacant land the Local Authorities have lost most of their power to deal with the various serious housing problems. The report is also critical of the quality of some of the new private, cheaper housing being erected under the LDDC.

Anyone concerned about the future of the Southwark Docklands would probably wish to read this report.

Available, price £1 incl postage J.D.A.G. 2 Cable Street, E1 8JG (480 5324)

## Holiday Playschemes



Are you planning a holiday playscheme this Summer? SCVS working party on Play has produced a leaflet explaining what to do and where to get more information. Available from Jenny Williams, SCVS. The next meeting of the working party is on July 6th at 10.30am at SCVS. If your organisation is involved in children's play, come along.



## Urban Aid

Representatives from voluntary organisations met last month to discuss how the voluntary sector felt Urban Aid should be handled this year.

The meeting agreed that:

1. As happened last year, as soon as the Urban Aid Circular is issued, SCVS will convene an open meeting, where a group of representatives will be elected to prioritise Urban Aid applications. The meeting will also set out criteria for this group to follow.
2. The elected group will then place applications in three categories: high priority, medium priority, and low priority. It will also rank at least those applications in the high priority group.
3. The group will then present their results to another open meeting for criticism. The group will then finalise the list, and this will be forwarded as SCVS's priority list to Southwark Council.
4. SCVS will ask the Council to allow the group to put the voluntary sector view to whatever committee is taking the decision. It will also ask that the group be allowed to stay to observe the decision-taking part of the meeting (something refused in previous years).
5. SCVS will not ask to take any part in the decision-taking process this year.
6. The SCVS priority list will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, with our detailed comments on each application.

(All these recommendations are subject to the approval of the SCVS Executive Committee).

ORGANISATIONS PLEASE NOTE: we expect the Urban Aid Circular to be out very soon, although no definite information has been received.

## Course

"ISSUES IN HOUSING" - a Southwark AEI evening class - will cover allocations, repairs, estate management.

The course will run from June 3rd to 24th on Thursday evenings at 7.15 p.m.  
Venue: Tabard Branch, Hunter Close, SE1.  
Contact Tony Evans, tel. 407 3230.

## Sits. Vac.

Required as soon as possible, a part-time General Assistant 12½ hours per week, term-time only to help with a class of mentally handicapped students aged 17-21 years, following a 2 year full-time further education course.

The duties involve assisting teaching staff, helping to organise the classroom, some dealing with personal hygiene and involvement with these young people in their normal college activities.

No formal qualifications are necessary but a highly responsible and willing attitude is essential. Working hours to be arranged.

Closing date June 11th.

Application forms available from Southwark College, The Cut, London, SE 1 8LE  
Tel 928 9561

## New Planning Centre

Advice Centre in the Blue are going to be the base for a new Rotherhithe Community Planning Centre. The aim of the centre is to provide local people with information and advice and help make their views known about planning issues. The GLC is giving a grant of up to £37,864 to fund the centre. Well done GLC !

## Playday

Come to Downtown's Adventure Playday on Sunday June 6th, Salter Road SE 16. Help also wanted in persuading LDDC to honour its broken promise and find a site for Downtown Adventure Playground. Details: 231 3033

## Waste Disposal Directory

Southwark Friends of the Earth is producing a Waste Disposal Directory to be published in September. They would welcome for inclusion information on groups which collect material of any variety for recycling. Details please to:  
Lucy Neville, 18 Malfort Road  
SE 15 (733 1136)



## Equal Opportunities : GLC Acts

The G.L.C. is going to appoint an equal opportunities adviser with special responsibilities for advising on matters affecting women's career prospects with the GLC. This will involve looking at County Hall's recruitment, selection and employment practices (including opportunities for part-time work/job sharing), creche provision, training opportunities etc.

## Heritage Fayre

Southwark Transport & Heritage Society is having a fair on August 14th-15th on Peckham Rye. It will include traction engine & historic bus rally, historic transport and horse parades, display, music & stalls. If you want to present a display, run a stall or sideshow, contact Ray Blanchard, 46 Clifton Crescent, Peckham SE 15

## Minibus safety

From 1st January 1983 passenger vehicles with more than 8 seats must be tested annually after they're one year old - not 3 years old as before.

## Student placements

The fee for students on social work courses and long-term placements with supervision is now £7.50.

## Southwark Music

FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK MUSIC are appealing for members. If you like music, contact the Secretary at 201a Honor Oak Road, SE23.

## Publications

The Rickets Report

'Why do British Asians get Rickets?'  
£1.00 from Haringey Community Health Council, Tottenham Town Hall, London N5

## Newsletter Deadline

SCVS is always willing to publish notices or articles written by people in its member organisations in this Newsletter.

Copy for the July edition should be received by Monday 21st June.  
Address material to Debbie Newhook.



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211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
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SE1 1JA

## Land Sales

Once upon a time - about 2 years ago in fact - Southwark Council had about 165 acres of development land for housing.

Most of this was intended to be used for Council family housing with gardens. Eventually, it seemed, families might be moved from high density and high rise estates into the new houses.

### Vested interest?

Then Michael Heseltine set up the London Docklands Development Corporation. The L.D.D.C. 'vested' (or took over) 84 acres of Southwark's housing land.

Most of this is thought to be intended by the L.D.D.C. for houses for sale or equity-sharing. Only a quarter of the land is thought likely to be used for public-rented (probably Housing Association) housing.

That left Southwark with 81 acres.

### Council sells too

Then the Council decided to sell housing land to generate 'capital receipts' to compensate for its badly-hit housing investment funds (particularly as the same cuts meant it couldn't proceed with its own plans for the sites).

Some land went to housing associations for fair-rent housing, but most of it went to private developers, including the biggest site of all, Selborne.

All in all, 40 acres of land were, or are being sold. That leaves Southwark with 41 acres.

### What is left?

A report to Housing Committee in February proposed that of this residual land holding, only a further 5 acres should be sold to private developers. 21 acres would be sold to Housing Associations (whether for fair-rent or equity-sharing was not stated) and 15 acres would be set aside for future Council housing.

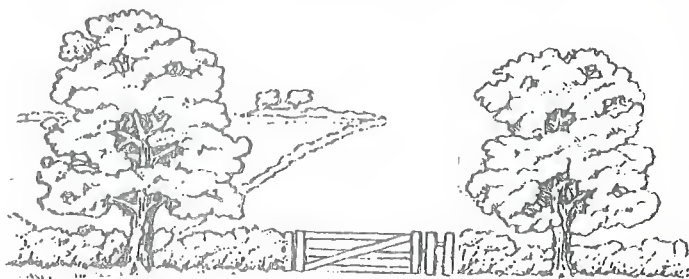
From 165 acres to 15 acres in 2 years...

## Re-Cycle Paper!

Are you a member of a group who uses a great deal of paper or just an individual who does a lot of writing? Have you ever considered using recycled paper and saving forests as a result?

Do you really need to use high quality paper made from virgin wood pulp? Do you need notepads, envelopes or even toilet paper?

If you would like to use re-cycled paper please contact Southwark Friends of the Earth's Resources Campaigner Tel. 733 1136. Or ring REGENESIS, Tress House 3-7 Stamford Street London SE1 Tel. 623 9557 who stock a range of re-cycled paper products at very competitive prices. Remember by using re-cycled paper you will save trees and save our wildlife.



## London RSG s Loss

A year ago, government figures suggested that London would lose £107 million in 1981-2 through the operation of the new rate support grant system - the blockgrant - providing that all London authorities conformed to government spending targets. It now seems that London has actually lost approximately £280 million. The original estimates for 1981-2 showed that London would receive 15.4% of the total grant, compared with 16.7% in 1980-1. It now seems that London's share in 1981-2 will be around 13.4% and London will have received £1142 million in rate support grant. Further information on 'London and the Rate Support Grant' is available in a free leaflet of that title produced by the London Voluntary Service Council's Information Service. Tel. 388 0241.



## Wanted — Fridge

SCVS would like to acquire a small fridge as cheaply as possible. If you know of one on offer please contact Debbie Newhook at SCVS.

## — Chairs

The Mother and Toddler group of the Mentally Handicapped project at Cambridge House are urgently in need of armchairs for the parents involved. But, due to the size of the room, any chair that is donated must not be too large.

At the same time, the parents are also involved in a massive fund-raising exercise for other daily necessities e.g. disposal nappies, nappy roll, orange juice, biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, washing up liquid, kitchen rolls, lemonade, coca cola. In order to raise money for these items they would like people to donate anything basically that they don't want, to dispose of at jumble sales, fetes, bazaars etc.

If you can help with either of the above problems please ring 701 0769 or 703 5025.

## New Games

A "sampler" session of some New Games will be held at Cambridge House on Sunday 16th May 3 - 5.30 p.m.

New Games are co-operative sports and games where participants only compete against their own abilities not other people. No one wins or loses, so everyone can just play and enjoy themselves. Further information: Chris Wood, London Voluntary Service Council 68 Chalton Street NW1 Tel. 388 0241.

## Sponsors needed

The Janet Trust Fund is organising a sponsored parachute jump for 3rd July. The object is to raise money for an amulance for disabled people in Southwark.

Potential jumpers and sponsors are asked to apply to Mrs B. F. Miller, 152 Peckham Rye, SE22 or J. Nourse, Heber Arms, Heber Road, East Dulwich SE22.



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## NEWSLETTER

MAY 1982

### **MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!** **Grants for Docklands Organisations**

The London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) plans to make available about £1m to voluntary and community groups in the Docklands area, which includes part of N. Southwark. The money will probably be divided equally between Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Newham. Most of the money will be available for revenue (i.e. salaries and other running expenses), but there is also money available for capital spending (large or small sums).

The criteria for getting money are not finalised, but in general will emphasise locally based schemes which will promote the regeneration of the Docklands, by providing a service to Docklands residents or by enabling them to participate in planning the development of Docklands.

It is hoped many applications will be from small local groups. Small or large amounts of money can be applied for. The money must benefit people living in the LDDC's area in North Southwark, though it can benefit people living outside that area as well. Up to 100% grant can be given.

Details have not yet been worked out, and forms are not yet available, but the closing date for applications for this financial year is likely to be the end of May.

If you want an application form/more information/help in filling in the form/any other assistance or advice, please contact Jane Belman SCVS 135 Rye Lane SE15 tel 732 3731 or Marilyn Taylor Town Hall Peckham Road SE5 tel 703 6311 as soon as possible.

### **Choose Your Representative - Public Meeting**

The LDDC plans that local committees consisting of half representatives from statutory bodies and half from local groups will be set up in each borough to look at the grant applications and put them in order of priority. Their views then go to the LDDC, which makes the final decision subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment.

In Southwark, the local committee will consist of four councillors, 1 representative each from the GLC, ILEA and District Health Authority, and seven representatives from local community groups and voluntary organisations in Southwark Docklands.

These representatives will be elected at a public meeting on Thursday May 20th

at 7.30 p.m. at Rotherhithe Civic Centre, Albion St SE16.

One place is reserved for a representative of tenants/residents associations and one for local groups without staff, to ensure these views get represented.

If your organisation wants to nominate someone, please let Jane Belman at SCVS know. You can, of course, also nominate someone at the meeting. Any representative must be able and willing to attend several evening meetings during June and early July.

(All of this is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment.)



# Handbook for Advisers

Anyone who gives advice in Southwark will welcome the publication of "Rights and Benefits in Southwark: a handbook for advisers" by the Council Welfare Rights Officer.

It includes sections on financial benefits, housing, consumer rights, the family, employment, health and further advice and information.

Agencies can collect copies FREE from SCVS or from Gulam Mayet, the Welfare Rights Officer, at the Town Hall in Peckham Road. If you want to have it posted to you, please send SCVS £1.75 to cover costs.

## Spring Fete

Nunhead Forum is holding a Spring Fete in the grounds of St. Anthony's Church from 2.00 on Saturday May 8th.

The Forum asks for your support.

## National Conference Cold Crisis

"Fuel Poverty - cold homes - the crisis" is the title of a national conference called for groups to discuss how to tackle the problems of fuel poverty. It will be on May 20th at County Hall from 10.00 to 4.15.

Details and applications forms from Lynn Hyams, Conference Administrator, 26 Bedford Square WC1 on 636 4066.

## Law Book

A revised and expanded edition of LVSC's "Guide to the Law for Voluntary and Community groups" has just been published.

The guide is aimed at small groups with little experience of the complexities involved in forming associations, handling substantial sums of money, employing staff, taking responsibility for premises and organising public activities.

The guide provides a summary of those areas of the law most likely to affect voluntary organisations such as charitable status, PAYE, insurance, fundraising, marches and festivals.

Copies from LVSC, 68 Chalton St NW1 for £3.50.

## Fare Fight



Southwark Fare Fight writes: "The fight for cheap fares continues".

Fare Fight was set up in response to the Law Lords decision not to allow the GLC cheap fares policy to continue.

Bus and tube fares doubled on March 21st and Fare Fight claims that already the number of bus users has fallen by almost a quarter. They say that increased fares mean that more people are using cars and this is causing increased traffic congestion and pollution and more accidents. Roads will also require more maintenance.

In addition to increased fares, bus and tube services are being cut back by 20%. This will mean redundancies and fares will rise again before the year is out, according to Fare Fight.

Southwark Fare Fight has three aims:

1. To fight for cheap bus and tube fares.
2. To fight cuts in London Transport.
3. To campaign for a public transport system which meets the needs of users.

The campaign meets every Monday at 7.30 at the SCVS office. More details from 733 4396.



## Nunhead Festival

The month of June sees the Nunhead Festival organised by the Nunhead Forum. Events will include:

- \* a Fayre on Nunhead Green (June 26th)
- \* displays on Nunhead Green (June 12th)
- \* a festival concert at St Anthony's church (June 11th)
- \* Five-a-side football, men and women on Peckham Rye (June 13th)
- \* a Festival Procession
- \* a multi-cultural Food Fayre.

If your organisation would like further details of these and other festival events or if you would like to participate contact the chair Roger Smith, 32 Mundania Road SE22 on 693 4882 or the secretary Audrey 23 Linesford Road SE15 on 639 3248 as soon as possible. Any organisation that includes Nunhead in its catchment area is welcome to join.

## Health



Is your project concerned with health issues? If you have been concerned with anything which you would define as health, the London Community Health Resource ask you to contact them at 68 Chalton Street NW1 because they are hoping to compile a report on community health education and would like to meet you to learn about your work.

SCVS has the following facilities which are available for local organisations and community groups to use:

Photocopier: 5p per copy

Electric stencil cutter: 30p per stencil

Electric typewriters: Free

Duplicator: Free use if you bring your own paper.

## Multicultural

United Nations Week (16th-23rd Oct.) offers a particular opportunity to focus on the value and contribution to Southwark of having people of many different cultural backgrounds living in the borough. Voluntary organisations may wish to consider if there is any way they can put on an activity to celebrate this diversity.

A programme of events in the week is being compiled by Dulwich United Nations Association. Anyone who has an event which should be included should contact Ms. B A Richards, 43 Choumert Square SE15 on 732 0075.

## Cash for Planning

The GLC's Planning Committee is inviting voluntary and community groups interested in the future of their area to apply for cash help. The Committee will be most concerned to assist voluntary organisations involved with planning issues and where borough councils are unwilling or unable to give support.

Application forms and further information from the Controller of Transportation & Development (TD/DP/A), Room 408a Main Building, County Hall SE1 7PB. Closing date for applications May 10th.

## Free Paint



The Dulux Community Projects scheme through which ICI donate paint to voluntary and community groups is to continue this year.

Paint worth £35,000 will be given to groups carrying out painting projects for the benefit of the community. Cash awards totalling £2,500 will be made to fifteen groups which produce the most creative and worthwhile work.



## Sits Vac



### ADVICE CENTRE IN THE BLUE

The Advice Centre in the Blue is re-organising after its new 5-year grant and is looking for a FINANCIAL ORGANISER. Experience of problems of voluntary sector funding an advantage and must be willing to work in a team. Closing date 6th May 1982. 21 hours a week - must be able to increase to 28 or 35 if job grows. Salary AP4/5.

Application forms and further information from ACB, 190 Southwark Park Road SE16 on 231 2471.



### SOUTHWARK DISABLEMENT ASSOCIATION

Southwark Disablement Association, funded through urban aid, aims to bring together all groups interested in working with and for disabled people in the Borough and offers an advice and information service.

Owing to the long term sickness of the advice and resources worker we need a temporary worker to undertake some particular pieces of work and help generally in the office for 2 - 3 months.

Further details from SDA Office, Room 48 Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road SE17 Te. 701 1391.

## Swap Shop

Any spare office furniture is needed desperately by Peckham Self Help Youth Group, who have no money to pay for it but could collect. Contact Mr Stevenson c/o Peckham SHYG, 10 Melon Road SE15.

Blackfriars Settlement Literacy Scheme want a cheap filing cupboard. Contact Caroline Hodgkinson or anyone from the literacy scheme on 928 9521.

## Courses

The National Institute of Social Work is advertising its One Year Programme of Advanced Study in Community Work 1982/3, which offers workers with some experience the opportunity to take stock of their activities. It is approved by CCETSW, and grants may be available.

More details from Diana Broad, NISW, 5-7 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SS telephone 387 9681.

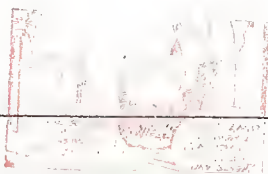
## Wasteland

Derelict idle land covering an area nearly six times the size of Birmingham disfigures Britain's towns and cities.

The Wasteland Forum is holding a conference and exhibition event, and consists of a conference on Friday May 28th at the Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue WC2. The accompanying photographic exhibition illustrating the range of wasteland projects throughout the UK will be open to the public on Saturday May 29th.

Details from Martin Temple, Wasteland Forum, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square WC1B 3HU on 636 4066.

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# Elephant Jobs

After running for six years and helping about 850 people to get some work experience and training, Elephant Jobs, the well known Manpower Services Commission scheme in North Southark will be forced to close on April 8th, due to a new bureaucratic ruling on the criteria for schemes for the long-term unemployed.

Elephant Jobs is being criticised for lacking something which the MSC themselves can't define anyway. It's all about a condition termed 'community benefit' which all MSC Community Enterprise schemes are supposed to generate. When a high ranking official of the MSC was contacted recently he admitted that the MSC do not have a definition of community benefit, they leave the question of community benefit to their local area Boards to decide.

## Campaign

The Board of Elephant Jobs have decided to commit themselves to an active campaign to seek a redefinition of community benefit in the light of six years operational experience.

The campaign is to take the form of writing a letter to the Secretary of State for Employment and the Chairman of the MSC drawing their attention to their plight and to the fact that in six years of active MSC and Government support, over 850 people have had employment opportunities with Elephant Jobs Ltd. that have given them real skills and given them experience of working for the community.

## Letters to:

They are obviously asking for support and would like people to send their own letters to the two addresses given below:

Secretary of State for Employment  
Caxton House,  
Tothill Street, London SW1.

It would be appreciated if you could send a copy to:

Chairman  
Elephant Jobs Ltd.  
South London Industrial Mission  
27 Blackfriars Road  
London SE1.

# New Newsletter

The Employment Unit of SCVS has launched its first monthly newsletter. It will contain information on all of the local and national initiatives regarding employment and unemployment. If you have anything you would like to advertise e.g. meetings, conferences, new publications, anything in fact that you would regard as relevant, please contact Mark Neuman on 732 9777.

## Employment Projects

This directory has been compiled by LVSC listing all employment projects that are in operation within the London area. For each of the 118 projects named there is a brief description of what they do, how long the individual project has been operating, information about sources of funding, how many people it employs and in which borough(s) it operates.

There is also additional information about whether the project is run by the MSC or on YOP or CEP schemes or if it is a cooperative etc.

For further information contact  
Anne Davis LVSC Information Service  
68 Chalton Street London NW1  
Tel. 388 0241.

## Work With W.I.P.

Walworth Inprint is a non-profit making community newspaper serving the Walworth area.

It depends entirely on the voluntary efforts of local people for its production.

More people - prepared to give a regular and reliable, but not a large commitment - are needed.

Some of the jobs involved are skilled, but can be learnt. Others are not so skilled. The whole range of tasks include writing articles, filing, typing, taking photographs, helping with the paste up, delivering papers, selling door to door, dealing with advertisers, managing the money.

The paper's survival depends on sufficient people to sustain it.

If you would like to be involved contact Walworth Inprint, c/o 69 Balfour Street SE17 or ring 701 6550 or 703 4423.



## Community Health

The Community Health Project at the London Voluntary Service Council produces a newsletter for London groups or individuals who are involved in community health.

If interested in receiving it contact Mai Wan at LVSC,  
68 Chalton Street NW1 Tel. 388 0241.

## Mental Handicap

The first group of students on Southwark College's two year course for mentally handicapped young adults are due to leave college in July 1982.

The course aims to develop independence responsibility and maturity, and the college has found that their students have personal qualities such as punctuality, politeness and good humour which will stand them in good stead in the future. When employment was more readily available people with this handicap were found to be reliable and conscientious workers.

Jill Aitchison and Dee Bradshaw, who run the course, are now looking for people to employ one of the students. This need not be full time paid employment. If you think you have a place Jill and Dee can be contacted at Southwark College, The Cut London SE1 Tel. 928 9561.

## Community Work Conference

A conference was held on 17th March which brought together community workers from Council departments, voluntary organisations, church and youth services to discuss the way forward for community work in Southwark.

The value of getting together was appreciated and it was agreed that meetings between the different sector community workers will take place on an area basis. Many other points raised will be pursued in further discussions. The conference was convened jointly by SCVS Community work group and the Community Development section of the Town Clerk's Department.

## Volunteer For Conservation

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is a long established organisation which enables people living and working in London to escape into the countryside for the weekend doing useful conservation work. All the work is done by the volunteers including the administration task organisation and preparation and the practical work itself. The Trust therefore has room for people with a variety of skills, or with no skills at all, with plenty of work to be done at the volunteers office and tool store in the evenings, and on site at weekends.

The Trust prides itself on the quality of the work produced, the standard being maintained by running training courses for the more enthusiastic volunteers. These range from dry stone walling, to tree planting and tool maintenance.

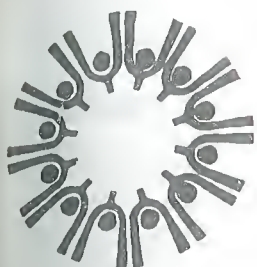
For the less committed the opportunity to get out of London to different areas with a group of energetic conservers is reward enough for the often hard, but always enjoyable work that is done.

If you would like further details please contact Philip Masters or Penny Edwards at 2 Selous Street NW1 Tel. 388 3946.

## Volunteer Lawyers

A busy neighbourhood Advice centre in SE15 seeks volunteer lawyers for its advice sessions. Sessions are held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Minimum commitment is one session a month. The work tends to be in the fields of housing, employment law and welfare benefits. Enthusiasm is more important than experience. Support and training offered by permanent staff.

Further details: Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre Tel. 639 8447, or Nick Weekly, Legal Services Coordinator Tel. 732 6802 (Not Mondays or Thursdays).



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## NEWSLETTER

### Southwark Changes

Southwark's new Council are seeking energetically to meet their manifesto commitments. Among the subjects on which change is under way and organisations may wish to express views are:

Housing - the Housing Chair's Policy Group have made it clear that they are open to representations on housing policy matters. These should be sent to Councillor Tony Ritchie, 48 Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, London SE21. (but complaints or comments on individual cases should go to ward councillors in the first instance).

Social Services and Ethnic Minorities - Councillor Jessica Wanamaker has notified us that she is the person designated by Labour Group on Social Services to have special concern for the needs of ethnic minorities. Also that she is currently working to set up a working group to include SCCR to discuss the needs and aspirations of the ethnic communities in terms of Social Services. SCVS can supply copies of the brief paper to inquirers or contact could be made with the Councillor.

Decentralisation of Council services - thought is being given to the implementation of this policy. No formal consultative process is, as far as we know, yet being undertaken, but it would be as well for interested organisations to begin to consider the subject.

Decentralisation elsewhere in the country has shown that it can occur without increasing local control. This is not intended for Southwark by the Manifesto but local control is something to which voluntary and community groups will wish to give attention and thought.

Restructuring of Council Committees - thinking on this subject is being coordinated by Councillor Bob Smyth, who is the Deputy Leader.

The Manifesto included a commitment to a Community Affairs Committee. The nature of this is currently being discussed. There is a short paper entitled "Committee Structure and Community Relations" which outlines two options.

A copy of this paper is enclosed with the mailing. We understand however, that thinking on this subject is still open and that there is a point in submitting strongly held alternative ideas.

Councillor Graeme Geddes is one of the people specifically responsible for collecting ideas on the future Council structure for Community Affairs.

SCVS has asked the Council for a clear consultation period on this item.

### HELP!

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SCVS needs an ADMINISTRATOR with specific responsibility for financial affairs and a share in the general administration of the organisation.

SCVS has a staff team of 16 who are self servicing in clerical terms.

Salary AP3 (under review)  
£5652-6333 + 1008 London Weighting.

For further information contact  
SCVS on 732 3731.

Closing date: 9th July



## Courses

### IMPROVING EFFECTIVENESS IN SMALL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

A course - probably of eight sessions - for staff (paid or unpaid) with some management responsibility either for other staff or volunteers. The course has been run successfully in north London and the London Voluntary Service Council is now proposing to arrange it at the Queen's Road branch of Southwark Adult Education Institute in the autumn.

The course will be flexible to suit the needs of individuals and agencies, for instance participants would work in groups for some of the course on actual problems faced in their own agencies. It will be possible to involve members of management committees and other volunteers in the course if this is wanted.

In order to make the course as useful as possible a preliminary meeting will be held for anyone interested on Thursday 22nd July from 5.30 - 7.30 at SCVS.

Further information: Chris Wood LVSC  
68 Chalton Street NW1. Tel. 388 0241.

### STUDY AT THE BOOKPLACE

Do you wish you knew how you could get a qualification or training? Have you thought about going to college but don't feel confident about it? Do you want a chance to read, write and work in a small group as a first step?

Then the Bookplace is putting on a course that might suit you.

It is on Mondays and Wednesdays  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. starting 6th September  
and costs £1 for the whole course.

If you have young children you can bring them with you and have them looked after for 15p a session.

Apply to Tanya Whitty, the Bookplace,  
13 Peckham High Street SE15  
Tel. 701 1757.

## Treasurer Please

Dachwyng Family Centre needs a Treasurer. If you can help please contact the Centre on 701 5110.

## Walworth Cable Radio

Walworth Cable Radio is hoping to start broadcasting next year. It is involving local women and men in making programmes, learning to use tape recorders and microphones and spin discs, and in bringing up ideas for the station.

Now it needs a sound recording studio. The two workers, Carley Tucker and Caroline Mitchell write:

"Local groups have already been making radio programmes with our portable equipment and we have now decided that the next stage is to build a small sound recording studio on the Aylesbury Estate. Local people will be able to use this studio to make programmes for Walworth Cable Radio or for other community projects."

They need help:

1. to raise funds for equipment and building materials
2. to design the studio, acquire equipment and install it.

You can contact them at Walworth Cable Radio, Activities Centre, 1a Wendover, Thurlow Street SE17 Tel. 701 9010

## Jobs

THE BOOKPLACE needs a Youth and Schools Worker to work in the Southwark area to develop the multicultural aspects of the project in schools, youth centres etc and in the shop, where s/he will be responsible for dealing with books for children and young people. One of our main aims is that our policy in all areas of the project, including staffing, should reflect the multi cultural community; in which we are situated.

Salary £7452 pa 6 weeks holiday  
For details and application form send a large stamped addressed envelope to The Bookplace, 13 Peckham High St. SE15

Closing date: 2nd July

Part time worker required for DACHWYNG FAMILY CENTRE on North Peckham Estate. 15 hours a week. Pay £45 a week (under review). Further details and job description from, The Secretary, Dachwyng Family Centre 2-3 Hordle Promenade East, North Peckham Estate SE15  
Tel. 701 5110  
Closing Date: 9th July

## Community Areas Policy

The GLC Planning Committee has adopted a "Community Areas Policy" as part of its efforts to halt the rundown of local communities in London. As one aspect of this policy £5 million has been set aside to help 6 designated local areas over the next year.

The South Bank - from Waterloo into Bermondsey is one of these areas. There the local community has been in numerical decline since the war and housing, shopping and other local needs have suffered from encroaching office development.

The GLC plans to designate other areas for priority treatment next year and is open to suggestions as to where these areas should be.

Southwark Council's Planning Committee has welcomed the community areas and is considering asking the GLC to include another Southwark area (possibly Peckham?) in next year's list of priorities.

Voluntary organisations could therefore make suggestions to the GLC or Southwark Planning Committees.

## Gulbenkian

The Gulbenkian Foundation's annual report is now available. Under its Social Welfare Programme funding priorities are,

- "(i). Support for community groups in inner cities and other deprived areas (especially community care and health). Strong emphasis on local employment initiatives.
- (ii) Community communications remain a priority, with attention given to exploring the use of new techniques making the best use of existing resources. Applications from ethnic minority groups in each of these areas will continue to receive sympathetic consideration.

The Foundation also has an Education and an Arts programme. Under the Education programme one of the priorities is Education disadvantage in the 14-25 age group.

For further information; The Director, Gulbenkian Foundation 98 Portland Place London, W1.

## DHSS Money

SCVS has copies of the GLC's, "Criteria for grants to Ethnic Minority Groups" and the appropriate application forms. Normally they will not fund needs which can be met through other grant-aiding arrangements. Where common powers exist between the GLC and London borough councils, the GLC will concentrate its assistance to bodies covering an area wider than a single borough. Active engagement of Ethnic minority groups in the overall management and day to day running of the operations will be an essential condition of funding, as will the maximisation of self-help and voluntary assistance.

For a copy of the Full criteria and application forms apply to SCVS.

## Ethnic Minority Grants

The DHSS has £3.3 million which will be distributed before April 1983. The broad objectives of the scheme are:

The "unemployed" include those who are sick or disabled, prematurely retired, or on short time working. Not all the people involved need be unemployed.

"Voluntary work" includes participating in neighbourhood care groups, community groups or self-help groups.

The voluntary work must not be a substitute for paid employment.

Specialist national agencies such as MIND and Age Concern will receive a grant from DHSS for allocation to their local groups. Allocation to other organisations will be from a sum of £1 million available to a consortium of national voluntary organisations.

Further information is available from SCVS.

It is possible for organisations to apply for very small sums of money as well as for larger sums. The limit for capital grants is £15,000.



## Barnabas Bazaar

The Barnabas Bazaar is planning ahead! Returning by popular request it will takeplace at St. Barnabas Parish Hall Dulwich Village from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Saturday 27th November.

Organisations who want to hire a stall should write to Ms. Jenny James  
1 Dovercourt Road SE22 Tel. 693 6538.  
And hurry -- demand will be heavy!

## Foco Novo

Foco Novo a touring theatre company will be in Southwark this summer. The company are currently working on a play which will be set in Peckham and will be based around the subject of unemployment and the struggles in the area.

The play will be performed from 2nd to 21st August. For further information and to book performances ring Anne Louise Wirgman on 289 3226.

## Decorating

Springboard Southwark's Painting and Decorating Project is now based at 641 Old Kent Road Peckham SE15. If you are a community or voluntary organisation and would like some painting or wallpapering done please contact Mike Neary (Project Leader) at the above address or leave a message on 639 1767.

## Live in Help

A 50 year old woman with multiple sclerosis has asked us to draw to wider attention her need for someone to live in her flat and provide some help for her.

She is offering: free accommodation - a bedroom in a new, centrally heated flat, with use of kitchen, bathroom and living room.

The women is in a wheel chair and needs:

Helping into bed at night  
Helping out of bed in the morning  
Giving 2 enemas each morning  
And bits of shopping, posting letters, sewing on buttons.

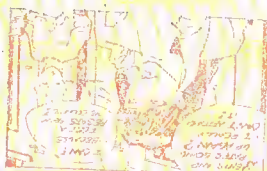
There is a home help who comes twice a week. The woman is an actress, having been in the professional theatre and now doing drama and theatre productions with blind people. She has taught drama and writes plays and articles. She is often out but would enjoy company on visits to films and theatres.

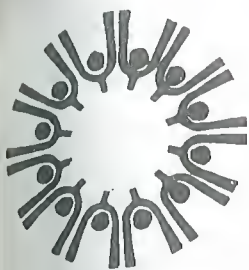
If you can help please contact Amy Wallis at SCVS Voluntary Workers' Bureau on 732 5729.

## Peckham CAB

Peckham Citizens Advice Bureau are now holding advice sessions at 10 Dursley Court, Gloucester Grove, every Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.

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## NEWSLETTER

### CONFERENCE

A conference to discuss some of the newly elected Council's proposals for re-organisation of Borough Committees and their relationship with the voluntary sector is to take place on SATURDAY 21st AUGUST.

Since the May election one of Councillors' priorities has been the planning of a new committee structure. The ideas for this are now well advanced and include the creation of a Women's Committee and Race Relations Committee - both with full committee status. There will be other new committees too and a re-division of responsibilities among the traditional committees. The plans for the new structure will go to a Council meeting on 28th July 1982.

A community affairs committee is being established with a brief to carry out a 3 month consultation exercise about the committee's existence and roles. The manifesto promised consultation on this subject.

Ideas for inclusion within the terms of reference of a Community Affairs committee include:

- the voluntary sector
- Community Development.

The subject is obviously extremely important for the voluntary sector.

The conference will be an opportunity to discuss the Community Affairs Committee before final decision are taken. It will also give a few weeks for further meetings to take place if necessary.

The Labour manifesto also has other proposals for further consultation with the voluntary sector. The conference will be an opportunity to discuss these. One subject raised in the manifesto but

not decided is the creation of a children's committee.

The conference has been discussed with Labour councillors and it is hoped that many of these will attend.

The conference is still being planned - please would you let us know if you have ideas/topics which should be included. A booking form is enclosed with this mailing. Please let us know if you are coming. We want to send you papers just before the meeting - not least because everything in this field is changing so quickly.

Separate consultations are being planned about the Women's and the Race Relations Committees. No attempt is therefore being made to cover either of these on this occasion.

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Part of the new Council's thinking on reorganisation is to establish a Children's Committee. This was an idea included in the manifesto. The original idea was to bring together a wide range of children's activities and concerns under one group so that provision can be looked at more comprehensively and positive policies of provision developed.

But the exact form of the Children's Committee has not yet been decided or to which Committee it would be responsible - possibly the Community Affairs Committee.

Another idea being considered is that instead of a Children's Committee there should be a children's Forum which could address itself to a number of committees and would have on it members from the Council main committees and representatives from a number of voluntary organisations and other statutory organisations with an interest in children.



## URBAN AID

Urban Aid circular 23 is out, and summaries of it should have reached all SCVS members. The voluntary sector organisations have agreed that they want to be involved in a consultation process to prioritise the Urban Aid applications.

This process has now started. At a general meeting on 21st July a small group of four people were elected to take on the job of drawing up a priority list of the applications according to the criteria set at the meeting. The important dates in this Urban Aid process to note are:

10th August - Urban Aid Surgery (help available at SCVS with completing application forms)

9th September - Closing date for applications to reach town hall

22nd September - General meeting for voluntary organisations to discuss priorities list that the small group has worked out.

The small group will reconsider their priority list in the light of comments made at this meeting. If the voluntary sector wants to be involved in prioritising Urban Aid applications it is important that as many people attend as possibly can - not just those with Urban Aid applications.

October 7th - Meeting of LBS Officers and voluntary sector representatives to prioritise applications

October 22nd - LBS Councillors meeting to decide priority list. (Voluntary sector representatives to present views and remain in attendance whilst decision is made)

October 29th - Despatch of submission to Department of Environment. This will include the Council's comments and priority list and SCVS comments and priority list.

Guidelines and application forms are available from SCVS.

## MISCELLANY

### JUMBLE SALE

Southwark Peckham Conservative Association is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st August at Havill Hall, Nr. Town Hall, Peckham Road starting at 2.30 p.m.

Entrance fee: 10p

### SOUTHWARK RESOURCE CENTRE

The Southwark Resource Centre at the Southwark Institute, St. Mary's Road SE15 will be closed for the summer holidays between 2nd August and 23rd August inclusive.

### FREE TRAVEL ON TUBE FOR LONDON'S HANDICAPPED

From October 1st 1982 London's blind and handicapped are to have free travel on the Underground as well as the buses.

The permit allows free travel after 9.30 a.m. and at any time during the weekend.

### CAMBRIDGE HOUSE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PROJECT

The Mental Handicapped Project based at Cambridge House runs a four week summer holiday project. This project has to be carefully planned, and the group is looking for one or two people who could help on a committee that does this planning. Meetings are held throughout the year about once a month, usually at 5.00 p.m. on a Monday or Tuesday.

For further information contact Danny Wells on 701 0769.

**More Jobs P.4**

# **JOBS SUPPLEMENT**

## SOUTHWARK UNEMPLOYED CENTRE

### Centre Organiser

(AP5 - £7371-7875 plus LW)

A challenging opportunity to help establish the new centre for unemployed people in Southwark. The building will be controlled by Southwark Unemployed People's Action delegates and by Trades Council delegates in a joint committee.

The workers, potentially a team of about 5 will receive support/supervision from Southwark CVS for an initial period.

An experienced Community Worker is sought who will be expected to contribute significantly to the Centre's eventual total self-management.

### CEP Community Work Assistant (£4628 plus LW)

In addition to the above post the Centre will require another worker to assist in the running of the premises.

Applicants for this post must be over 18 and registered unemployed for six months (1 year if over 25).

The closing date for both of the above posts is August 6th 1982. For details and application form please contact

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service 135 Rye Lane SE15  
Tel. 732 9776.

## READVERTISEMENT

SCVS needs an ADMINISTRATOR with specific responsibility for financial affairs and a share in the general administration of the organisation.

SCVS has a staff team of 16 who are self servicing in clerical terms.

Salary AP4/5 £6501 - 7875 plus London Weighting.

For further information contact SCVS on 732 3731.

## SOUTHWARK COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKER

S01 - July 1st increase pending  
£8190 - 8733 plus London Weighting

The principal objective of Southwark CDA is to help form and promote worker cooperatives in Southwark.

We are now seeking our first worker. The person appointed will be expected to promote the concept and formation of cooperatives and also provide support and guidance to the existing coops in the Borough.

### Assistant Worker

In addition to the above post the CDA requires a worker to assist in the day to day running of the Agency.

Applicants for this post must be registered unemployed for six months (1 year if over 25).

The closing date for both posts is August 6th. For details contact

Southwark Cooperative Development Agency 135 Rye Lane SE15

Tel. 732 9776.

DACHWYNG FAMILY CENTRE on the North Peckham Estate needs a part time worker, 15 hours a week. Pay £45 a week (under review). Further details and job description from The Secretary Dachwyng Family Centre  
2-3 Hordle Promenade East  
North Peckham Estate SE15  
Tel. 701 5110.

## SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

SCVS needs a Senior Supervisor for MSC CEP scheme based at SCVS. Must have had several years community work experience (preferably in Southwark). The post involves support and assistance with in service training for 7 basic grade CEP workers. There will also be some administrative duties. The person appointed will be part of the field work team at SCVS. Applicants must be registered unemployed.  
Salary: £6333 + 1008 London Weighting.  
35 hour week. Further information from SCVS.



SERVICES TO COMMUNITY ACTION AND  
TENANTS (SCAT)

EXPERIENCED ORGANISER/RESEARCHER

Services to Community Action and Tenants is a national project serving the community action and labour movement on housing, planning and public service issues. SCAT is looking for a full time person to work with, and provide support on a range of housing issues, to community and tenants groups, trades councils, trade unions and single issue campaigns. The worker should have substantial experience of working with community, women's and/or labour movement organisations and a good knowledge of housing and related issues.

Salary: £8200 - 6 weeks holiday.  
Job sharing applications considered.  
Worker preferably to be based in London. For job description and details contact SCAT 31 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 (253 3627).

Closing date: August 2nd.

SCAPS

Southwark Community Alarm Partnership Scheme is an alarm scheme, free of charge, aimed at helping people living in the community who may be at risk in their home e.g. suffering from heart disease, in danger of falling etc.

It enables neighbourhood volunteers to help when an emergency occurs by getting the volunteer to the scene quickly.

SCAPS needs volunteers in all areas of Southwark for the following:

1. Volunteers to operate the Central Unit receiving alarm calls, telephoning neighbourhood volunteers etc.
2. Neighbourhood Volunteers to respond to alarm calls for a designed client in your immediate area.
3. Volunteers with Transport to help with various aspects of the scheme e.g. respond to alarm calls when neighbourhood volunteers are unavailable etc.

If you can help please contact  
Sandra Furze on 703 6363 ext. 346.

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Southwark

# Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane. SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

## NEWSLETTER

### WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL

'Working with the Council' - the conference held on 21st August attracted over 70 participants, mainly people from the voluntary sector, councillors, and Council Officers.

The aim of the conference was to begin the dialogue about the relationship between voluntary organisations and the new Council, particularly in the context of the reorganisation of the Council committee structure including proposals for a community affairs committee.

#### Report

SCVS will be writing summaries of the discussions and circulating these to member organisations, asking that the ideas contained are discussed and any further thoughts or ideas should be communicated to staff at SCVS. The reports of the conference will also be taken up in the various interest groups in the voluntary sector and discussed there. The Community Work Group and the Working Party on Play have quite detailed proposals from the conference which they will be taking forward.

#### Beginning

The conference was only a beginning in looking at some very complex issues and was generally felt to have been a useful and encouraging start. SCVS would like to thank all those who contributed particularly the staff of the Town Hall who helped with the organisation of the conference.

### Police Monitoring

The GLC has funded the establishment of a Police Monitoring Group in Southwark.

As part of the process of familiarising people in Southwark with the role of the group, Paul Boateng has accepted an invitation to come and address a meeting on Thursday 16th September at 69 Peckham High Street, SE15, at 7 pm.

### URBAN AID DEADLINE

The closing date for Urban Aid applications to be received at the Town Hall is Thursday September 9th 1982.

Work will then begin to put these applications into a priority order. The elected group from the voluntary sector will meet to undertake prioritising applications according to the criteria that the voluntary sector have suggested.

This group will report back to a general meeting which will be held on:  
WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM at SCVS

The meeting is open to everyone from the voluntary sector, and it is most important that all organisations that have made an application should attend.



# Housing Quota

Since 1978, SCVS and Southwark Council have operated a scheme for housing "essential service" workers in voluntary organisations.

The primary criterion for allocation to a Council flat under this scheme is that local accommodation is necessary for the worker in question to do her/his job properly. Particular consideration is given to neighbourhood-based workers, especially if there is a high proportion of Council-owned dwellings in that area.

For more details, ask for the SCVS hand-out 'Housing for Workers in Voluntary Organisations' and the 'Criteria for allocation'.

Decisions on who to accept under the scheme are made by an independent assessor, not by SCVS staff or its Executive Committee.

The SCVS Executive Committee did agree the allocation criteria with the Council back in 1978, and has recently asked the SCVS Housing Interest Group to review the scheme.

# Goodbye Debbie Hello Wendy

Debbie Newhook who has been SCVS's administrator has unfortunately left. She has moved to Newfoundland where her husband grew up and where they now intend to live for a year or two.

Wendy Saunders has been appointed as Financial Administrator and will be starting on September 8th. Wendy has had extensive experience of work with voluntary organisations in Greenwich.

# Census

SCVS has received from the Community Development Section in the Town Hall the ward-level returns for the 1981 Census known as Small Area Statistics.

These are extremely relevant to organisations applying for grants and seeking objective evidence of conditions in their area, as well as for research purposes.

# Docklands Campaign

The Campaign to restore Democracy in Docklands is seeking affiliation from voluntary and community organisations.

Address: c/o JDAG, 2 Cable St. E1  
Tel. 480 5324

The Joint Docklands Action Group has produced a 21 page booklet entitled "Heseltine's Docklands: The First Six Months", and available from the above address.

# Door to Door

The Department of Transport has just published a free guide to transport for disabled people. It runs to 65 pages and covers:

Independence - walking and wheelchairs, walking aids and access.

Cars - affording to buy and own one, adaptation, parking and road services

Taxis, special personal transport schemes, buses, trains, undergrounds, community transport, coaches, boats and ships.

Finally it lists useful organisations and sources of advice.

Clearly presented and apparently comprehensive it would be useful to have a review of its practical usefulness from a disabled reader for a future newsletter. Any offers?

Copies are available free (and no stamp required) from Department of Transport, Door to Door Guide, Freepost, Ruislip, Middlesex.

# Can you help?

The Vietnamese in Southwark organisation is seeking premises to rent to establish a small community base for Vietnamese people in Southwark.

They would need four rooms which they would use for an advice centre as well as for small meetings and classes. Camberwell/Peckham area is best, and quite near bus stops.

Contact: Mr. Ta, 10 Collinson Hse, Lindley Estate, Commercial Way, SE15, tel. 635 0206.

# JOB CENTRE

## L.V.S.C.

### London Voluntary Service Council Administrative Assistant

Experienced administrative worker needed to join team of staff concerned with the development of voluntary work in London. Sound administrative and typing skills, and the ability to organise work-load essential. Applicants must be prepared to participate fully in the team's work.

Salary on scale £3563-£5760 (under review), plus £1008 London Weighting. For job description and application form contact Liz Southcombe, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR. Closing date 6th September.

### Finance and administrative Officer

Seeks experienced person to control finance and general administrative work, supervise personnel matters, budget, and assist industrial relations.

A key position in LVSC, offering scope to the capital's voluntary sector.

Salary scale £10,857-£14,085 including London Weighting (under review). Interviews early September. Further details from General Secretary, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street London NW1 1JR (388 0241)

## Threshold

Threshold is an independent housing advice centre for people without children, based in Wandsworth Borough.

We are looking for a worker to fill a vacant post in a collective of 7, to work as a housing advisor. The housing advisors give advice and assistance to callers to the centre and contribute to the running of the centre. The post gives scope for developing areas of special interest. Experience in housing and/or community agencies an advantage.

Salary scale AP4 £7509-£8215 incl L.W. Further details and application form from Karen MacKay, Threshold Centre, 101a Tooting High Street, London SW 17. Tel 767 4804 Closing Date 10th September.

## C'well C.H.C.

### Camberwell Community Health Council Wanted: Clerk Typist

For typing and general office duties for Camberwell CHC, 75 Denmark Hill SE 5, for a six month period from mid-October. Flexible hours in small, friendly office. Salary £ 4000 (Approx pro-rata) For further details please contact Gill Lucas tel 703 9498 by 24th September.

## St. Giles Centre

Fourth woman worker (over 21) needed for Sojourner House, a hostel for 11 young women aged 16-21. The project, a non-statutory organisation, aims to resettle residents into permanent accommodation after up to one year in this supportive environment. The worker will have responsibility for outreach and resettlement as well as sharing the general hostel work on a rota basis, including sleeping in. She should have relevant experience in either residential work or youth work with women.

Salary AP 5 (£7371) plus London Weighting. For further details, job description and application form, please send large SAE to 5 DeCrespigny Park, London SE 5 Closing date 6th September.

### Part-time Management Worker

(20 hours) required by the Shared Houses Project (St Giles Centre). The project currently comprises two houses providing accommodation for eight young women under 21 years, and has plans to expand.

Salary AP 3 pro rata (under immediate review)

Application forms and job descriptions from St Giles Centre, Camberwell Church Street, SE 5 (tel 703 5841)

Closing Date 17th September.

**more jobs  
overleaf**



# JOBS

## Southwark Playgrounds Trust

Southwark Playgrounds Trust is urgently looking for a part-time development worker (about 10 hours per week).

Interesting and varied work, servicing the Trust which raises money for Adventure Playgrounds in Southwark, and giving support and advice to voluntary management committees and playworkers.

For more information contact:

S.P.A. c/o Gerry Williams, Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Road SE 5, 703 5025 (mornings best).

## CEP Post with SCVS Volunteer Bureau

A vacancy exists for a worker to be employed at SCVS on MSC-CEP funding. The post will only last until June 17th 1983.

Applicants must have been unemployed for 6 months if under 25 or a year if over. The post would probably be most suitable for someone interested in gaining basic experience before undertaking social work training.

For further details contact SCVS 732 3731

## SCVS MSC FUNDED CEP PROJECT

There is a vacancy for a placement on the SCVS CEP Project. If an organisation thinks that it has a piece of work that could be undertaken by a CEP worker, please let us know. Good supervision is required, the project is funded until 17th June 83, and the organisation will need to be able to pay the London Weighting (about £1000).

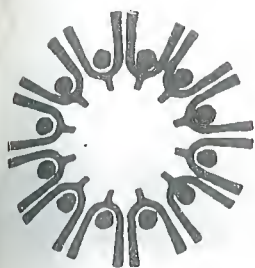
We welcome Veronica Ward to the project as the new Senior Supervisor. She will be starting work on 7th September.

## Washer

Top-loading non-automatic washing machine free to someone who can collect it from Walworth. (Connecting hose missing, replacement easy to buy) Ring 708 2472.

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## NEWSLETTER

### Urban Aid

52 applications were made to Southwark for urban aid this year. Most of them were of excellent quality, and testify to the considerable community initiative in the borough. However, this year the Dept of the Environment is limiting the number of applications each authority can make to 15, of which up to 10 can be new projects. This made the task of the small group, who were elected by the voluntary organisations to prioritise the applications, particularly difficult.

The frustration of the many organisations, whose valuable and important proposals were not given the highest priority, was made clear at the meeting held to discuss the priority list proposed by the

elected group. These frustrations are inevitable while there is insufficient money to fund all the initiatives in the borough.

There was also concern at the process by which the priority list was arrived at, with many groups feeling angry, and cut off from the decision-making. Black organisations in particular felt that they should have had a larger part to play in prioritising. Clearly, SCVS needs to look at how we can conduct matters better for next time.

Southwark Council determines the final priorities and send their list to the Department of the Environment

Southwark Council determines the final priorities, which it will be doing on October 22nd. It then sends its list to the Department of the Environment.

### Community Program Boycott

The Annual Conference and AGM of Councils of Voluntary Service took place in Bath from 10th to 12th September. One of the most important, urgent subjects for discussion was the Government's proposed Community Programme due to start on 1st October 1982.

#### Retain CEP

This will be replacing the Community Enterprise Programme (no more renewals of this will occur after 1st October 1982). Councils of Voluntary Services' attitude to the new proposal is important because many of them are under pressure from the Manpower Services Commission to act as administrators for the new scheme. The overwhelming feeling of the national conference was one of opposition to the new scheme.

A resolution was passed recommending individual CVS's not to implement the

new programme and asking other voluntary organisations, trade unions or local authorities also to oppose implementation. The meeting called instead for the retention of the Community Enterprise Programme.

One of the major causes for concern about the new scheme is a fear that it is an attempt to depress wages.

Each CVS is independent and its Executive will determine that body's policy. It is hoped that the resolution will influence local Councils for Voluntary Service. SCVS Executive was already set to address the matter at its next meeting on 27th September. In addition to the resolution SCVS will have a briefing paper prepared by SCVS Employment Unit, and a resolution that has been received from Peckham Labour Party urging all voluntary organisations not to promote schemes under this programme.





# UNITED NATIONS

## 16 - 24 OCTOBER

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th

10.15 for THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED  
10.30 a.m. NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall,  
Peckham Road, by the Worshipful  
the Mayor, Cllr. Michael Geater,  
preceded by a short inter-faith  
ceremony conducted in the Council  
Chamber by the Revd. R.J. Frost,  
the Revd. G. O'Brien, Imam Khaja  
Qamaruddin, Miss Joan Rich and the  
Ven. Wilfred Wood. Malcolm Harper,  
Director of the U.N.A. of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland, will  
speak briefly on the work of the  
United Nations and invite questions.  
Music will be provided by the  
Salvation Army.

7-11 p.m. SOCIAL EVENING IN AID OF UNICEF.  
Havil Street Hall, Havil Street,  
SE5. Tickets: £2 from SCCR, 352  
Camberwell New Road, SE5, or  
telephone 274 8793. (Arranged by  
Southwark Council for Community  
Relations).

7.30 p.m. BARN DANCE. Dulwich Baths Hall,  
East Dulwich Road. Tickets: £1.25  
from Ian Elvey, 30 Overhill Road,  
S.E. 22 (Tel. 693 1735). (Arranged  
by "Dulwich One World Week")

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

10 a.m. PARISH MASS. St. Giles Church,  
Camberwell Church Street. The  
Congregation will be glad to welcome  
visitors from overseas both at the  
service and for coffee afterwards.

6-9 p.m. "SEEDS OF HOPE": an inter-faith  
celebration, in response to violence  
whether in the community or in the  
world. Exhibitions, Prayer, Song,  
Dance, Drama. Southwark Cathedral.  
(Arranged by "Southwark Action for  
World Development").

### MONDAY OCTOBER 18th

- and throughout the week: photo-  
posters illustrating some aspects  
of the work of the United Nations  
will be on display at the Town Hall;  
Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane;  
Peckham Hill Street Library;  
Rotherhithe Library, Albion Street;  
Social Services Office, 29 Camberwell  
Road; Abbey National Building  
Society, 351 Walworth Road;  
Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane; The  
Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street;  
Trustee Savings Bank, 267 Southwark  
Park Road.

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 21st

7.45 p.m. INTERNATIONAL TASTE-IN: another  
evening with food from many  
cultures. St. Paul's Church Hall,  
Herne Hill. Tickets: 50p  
(Tel. 274 1338 or 274 5747) or at  
the door (Arranged by Herne Hill  
Christian Council).

8 p.m. "AFTER THE FALKLANDS - DISARMAMENT?"  
Sir Anthony Parsons, G.C.M.G.,  
recently U.K. Ambassador to the  
United Nations. Dulwich Baths  
Reception Hall (entrance from  
Crystal Palace Road). (Arranged by  
Southwark/Dulwich Branch of the  
United Nations Association).

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 22nd

7.30p.m. "RICH WORLD, POOR WORLD SUPPER".  
The Revd. John Sentamu. Kingsdale  
School Steel Band. St. Barnabas  
Hall, Dulwich Village. Tickets:  
£1.50 from Mr. & Mrs McDonald,  
106 Crystal Palace Road, SE22.  
(Arranged by "Dulwich One World  
Week")

# ATIONS WEEK

# OCTOBER



TURSDAY OCTOBER 23rd

FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF FUNDS  
Offers of help to Miss K.M. Caldin  
138 Woodwarde Road, SE22 (Tel.  
693 2452).

noon INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH. The  
Mayor's XI v International Student  
House XI. Southwark Sports Ground,  
Dulwich Common (Arranged by the  
London Borough of Southwark Sports  
and Social Club).

30 p.m. OPENING SEASON CONCERT. Beethoven  
"Choral Fantasia"; Handel "Zadok  
the Priest"; Philip Homes  
"Southwark Festival Overture"  
(first concert performance).  
Southwark Singers and Southwark  
Concert Orchestra (Conductor:  
Richard Eldridge). Henry Wood Hall  
Trinity Church Square. Tickets:  
£2 from Denis Coleman only,  
201A Honor Oak Road, SE23 (Tel.  
699 3309).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th

UNITED NATIONS DAY.

3.15 p.m. UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at  
the Church of St. John with St.  
Andrew, Meeting House Lane.  
Conducted by the Revd. Malcolm  
Johnson, assisted by the Rt. Revd.  
Bishop Christophoros of Telmissos,  
The Revd. Fr. Adrian, O.F.M. Cap.,  
the Revd. Stephen Penrose, and  
Mrs. Sybil Phoenix, M.B.E. Preacher;  
the Revd. Sebastian Charles, Canon  
of Westminster. The Service will be  
attended by the Worshipful the Mayor,  
Members of the Council, represent-  
atives of local organisations, and  
Southwark Music.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

The week is also One World Week and the Week of Prayer for World Peace.

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week programme,  
please contact the Information Office, the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.  
In view of financial stringency the Borough Council is not publishing the  
separate programme of events this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply  
to the Hon. Secretary of the local branch, John Brothwood, 13 Great Spilmans,  
East Dulwich Grove, SE22 8SZ

PLEASE HELP TO PUBLICISE THE ABOVE EVENTS.



## **JOBS**

### **Hostel**

STOPOVER - a short stay hostel for homeless young people needs a

#### PART TIME WORKER

To help young people settle into their first permanent home. This will involve both practical help, advice on welfare benefits, and giving support. Worker will be an equal member of a team, and will need to organise her/his workload. Post requires common sense, knowledge of welfare benefits and ability to work with young people. Travelling and some evening work necessary. Car/bike allowance paid.

Experience in Youth work, housing or advice work an advantage. Preferred age 25-33.

Salary £2340 for 16 hour week. Hours negotiable. 6 weeks holiday.

Tel. 699 1574 for application form and job description. Closing date 15th October.

### **CEP**

A placement is still available on the SCVS CEP Project, from now until 17th June 1983

If any organisation could use a CEP worker please let us know as soon as possible. Good supervision required. The organisation will also need to be able to pay London Weighting (about £1,000).

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Volunteers are desperately needed for the MIND Flag Day in Greater London on Tuesday 5th October

Please telephone Michael Stern or Penny Hughes in London on 637 0741 or write to MIND at 22, Harley Street, London W1

Help is needed for the UNA/UNICEF flag day on Saturday October 23rd - even for an hour or two. Half the money collected goes to help the United Nations Children's Fund, mainly abroad. Half goes to help the work of the United Nations Association in Britain and overseas.

Offers of help to Miss K M Caldin, 138 Woodward Road, SE22 on 693 2452.

The local branch of the Samaritans is looking for more volunteers. The Samaritans offer a confidential service to people in despair or suicidal.

Contact: Samaritans, 362 New Cross Road, SE14, 692 5228

Contact Veronica Ward at SCVS, telephone 732 3731.

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# GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO SET UP COMMUNITY INSULATION PROJECTS

neighbourhood  
energy action

National Council for Voluntary Organisations

The Government is making about £200,000 available to voluntary organisations to help promote home insulation and energy advice projects; plan and prepare for MSC projects; purchase second-hand vans and equipment; initial purchase of bulk stocks of insulation materials.

For further information contact Lynn Hyams, NEA, 26 Bedford Sq. WC1B 3HU on 636 4066.

## Minibuses tests:

MOTOR VEHICLES (TESTS) EXTENSION ORDER

As from 1st January 1983 all large passenger vehicles, if they are more than one year old, must have a valid annual test certificate.

The term 'large passenger vehicles' applies to any passenger vehicle with more than eight passenger seats, including minibuses which are run by schools, clubs or voluntary service organisations. Except for public service vehicles, there is no change in the content of the test or the places where it can be carried out.

The law applies to vehicles run by voluntary organisations as much as by commercial concerns, so if your minibus will be more than a year old by 1st January next year, it

will need to be tested some time in the next six months.

## Premises Wanted

Five Bridges Community Education Association is looking for premises to rent, or possibly buy, for its Intermediate Treatment Education Scheme. They need around 2,000 sq feet suitable for adapting into one large or two good sized classrooms, toilets, kitchen, 2 offices and 2 workshops, plus a large, high room for sports/games if possible. North Southwark/Lambeth area, i.e. Elephant or Oval would be ideal.

Contact Charlott Dellar, Five Bridges C.E. Association, 218 Lambeth Road, London SE1

Independent Adoption Society require 2,800 to 3,000 sq. feet of office space in Southwark/Lambeth areas.

Contact Miss M.C. James, Director, Independent Adoption Society, 160 Peckham Rye, London SE22. Telephone 639 9611

## Bermondsey Nursery

Bermondsey Community Nursery are getting £13000 from the GLC. The group intend providing a play and learning centre for children up to three years old, run by parents and professional staff.

## Payroll services

Groups may be interested to consider alternatives to doing their own payroll. Several different agencies offer this service - Computercraft, a small co-op in North London, Nat-West Bank "Centre-File" and several others.

For more information contact SCVS.

## London after the Bomb

For the first time ever, Londoners can visit the local wartime control centre which would try to run things after the bomb. Visit: Pear Tree House, Lunham Road, W. Norwood, SE 19, from Friday 1st Oct to Wed. 6th 10a/c till 6.00 (including Sunday). Public meeting there on Tuesday 5th Oct Also: Exhibition at County Hall 1st Oct - to Wed 29th 9am to 6 pm

Leaflets from Room 3 County Hall SE 1



# Council Committees

The Membership of the newly constituted committees is as follows:

(The Chair is denoted by \_\_\_\_\_ and the Vice-Chair by \_\_\_\_\_)

## **Amenities: (16 Members)**

Councillors Barbara Burgess, Jessie Cannon, Clough, Mabel Goldwin, Hoskins, Madan Kalia, Sam King, Steve Marsling, Chris McKie, Sol Parry, Tony Richie, Ron Slater, Bob Smyth, Nick Snow, John Wentworth and Harold Young.

## **Community Affairs: (12 Members)**

Councillors David Brasier, Clough, Trevor Ely, John R.M. Fowler, Graeme Geddes, Elsie Headley, Coral Newell, Sol Parry, Helen Penn, Bob Smyth, Andrew Troke and Ann Ward

## **Establishment: (15 Members)**

Councillors Les Alden, John Bryan, Pam Cooper, Alex Coveney, John H.K. Fowler, Tony Goss, Jim Greening, Brian Kelly, John Lauder, Danny McCarthy, Anne McNaught, Sandy Macpherson, Spilberg, Ron Terrett and Harold Young.

## **Finance and Administration: (13 Members)**

Councillors Peter Cather, Mrs. Clough, David Fryer, John R.M. Fowler, Graeme Geddes, Madan Kalia, David Main, Anne Matthews, Sandy Macpherson, O'Grady, Barry Quirk, Spilberg and Andrew Troke.

## **Housing: (18 Members)**

Councillors Mrs. Clough, Ron Doyle, David Fryer, Sue Goss, Aubyn Graham, Hoskins, John Johnson, Sam King, David Main, Steve Marsling, Anne Matthews, Danny McCarthy, Anne McNaught, Coral Newell, Sol Parry, Tony Ritchie, Pat Sullivan and Jessica Wanamaker.

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## **Planning: (15 Members)**

Councillors Elizabeth Bendall, David Brasier, Judy Cliffe, Trevor Ely, Graeme Geddes, John Johnson, John Lauder, Chris McKie, Meakin, James Patrick, Dave Payne, Henry Quennell, Barry Quirk, Nick Snow and Geoff Williams.

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## **Race Equality: (12 Members)**

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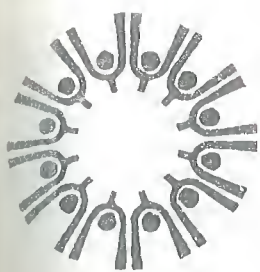
## **Social Services: (18 Members)**

Councillors Les Alden, Pam Cooper, Alex Coveney, Ron Doyle, John R.M. Fowler, Mabel Goldwin, Tony Goss, Elsie Headley, Paula Moore, Coral Newell, Dave Payne, Helen Penn, Henry Quennell, Pat Sullivan, Ron Terrett, Jessica Wanamaker, Ann Ward, John Wentworth.

## **Womens: (15 Members)**

Councillors Elizabeth Bendall, Barbara Burgess, Judy Cliffe, Jessie Cannon, Sue Goss, Mabel Goldwin, Elsie Headley, Miss Jackson, Anne Matthews, Chris McKie, Anne McNaught, Paula Moore, Helen Penn, Jessica Wanamaker and Ann Ward

If you want to contact any of these Councillors and can't get in touch via the Town Hall, contact us and we may know other ways to contact them.



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NOVEMBER 1982

## NEWSLETTER

### SLING FIGHTS RACIST LAWS

The South London Immigration and Nationality Group came into existence to act as a support and advice agency for groups and organisations concerned about the Immigration and Nationality Law.

SLING regards these new laws as not only racist but sexist also both in content and practice. The group is very concerned with the long-term trends in their administration which involves the systematic erosion of the basic rights of minority communities in Britain. For example, the DHSS and the NHS now have an administrative system which overtly discriminates against non-white clients.

SLING's aims are:

1. To provide training on these racist laws.
2. To provide casework support on advice and representation.
3. To publicise changes and effects of the Immigration and Nationality laws.
4. To assemble an information resource for local groups on racist legislation. This also includes providing information on the policies and practice of various Government departments.

Contact SLING at:

400/2 Brixton Road, London SW9  
737 3246/7 (between 10.00-12.00am)

### Working Party on Race

A Working Party with the brief of issuing guidelines for voluntary organisations in Southwark on eliminating racial discrimination in the employment of staff has recently been formed.

Membership comprises two representatives from Southwark Council for Community Relations, SCVS and Southwark ACTSS (TGWU).

In addition to the drawing up of guidelines the working party will be considering the question of a mechanism for monitoring their implementation. The first meeting will be on November 4th 1982. Comments and suggestions are welcome - ring Neil McLellan on 732 9777

**NO PASSPORTS  
TO HEALTH!**  
- a FREE health service for ALL -

No Pass Laws to Health Campaign is drawing the new Health Service charges to the attention of patients from minority groups.

Leaflets are available in nine languages from the Campaign c/o 146 Kentish Town Road, NW1 (please send stamps as they have no funds).

A conference is being held on Sunday 12th December, at County Hall, SE1. Further details from above address. (send a s.a.e.)



## Shared Care in Southwark

Would you be willing to care for a mentally handicapped child in your own home, for short periods? If so, Barnardo's Southwark Project would like to hear from you. They are looking for people who can offer short stays under their "Shared Care Scheme" - the idea is to give parents, brothers and sisters a well-earned break. For the child it's a chance to experience being away from home, and making new friends (just as other children do). Families who have a mentally handicapped child may not have had a holiday since he or she was born - or the chance to go shopping, or just have a rest. Many desperately need a break from the constant care they give.

As a "caring family" in the scheme, you would have a child to stay for perhaps a night, a weekend, or a week during school holidays - and he or she would join in with your normal family activities. You would get to know the child and his family beforehand and the same child would stay with you each time. Good pay and support is provided.

It's a chance to make friends with a mentally handicapped child and enjoy his or her company, while offering his family some "time off". If you think you might be interested but would like to know more first, please ring or drop a line to

Helen Hood  
Shared Care Organiser  
Dr. Barnardo's Southwark  
Project  
283 Tooley Street  
London SE1  
Tel. 407 7810

## TAXIS FOR DISABLED

The GLC is introducing an experimental scheme which will enable some disabled people to use taxis at very much reduced rates. Southwark has been chosen as the area for the pilot project.

Further information: Southwark Disablement Association, Room 48, Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road, SE17.

## Housing Benefits Scheme

Come November 22nd, Council tenants whose whole rent and rates come from Supplementary Benefit won't get the money to pay the rent from the DHSS any more. Instead the Council will automatically pay itself on behalf of these tenants.

Next April, almost everyone else will also start to get their rent money from the Council instead of the DHSS - including, for example, Council tenants who have some income from a lodger or non-dependent children; and private tenants and lodgers. The only people who will continue to get money for their housing from Supplementary Benefit will be boarders and owner-occupiers with a mortgage (who get the interest only).

Of course, the DHSS will continue to give people money for food etc.

This is the new Housing Benefits Scheme.

**NB**

Can members phone and make an appointment if they want to use SCVS's duplicator/scanner.

## Opportunities for Disabled

"If you are disabled or know someone who is living in Southwark area that might be interested in either finding employment, training or carrying out simple work at home such as assembling car and conference badges; copy typing; assembling calendar hangers; sorting tea bags etc, please contact London Enterprise for Employment of Disabled Persons on 582 5309."

The Enterprise's objectives include:

- Persuading private and public employers to offer employment to disabled people;
- Informing employers of technical and financial aid available through Disablement Resettlement Officers.
- Encouraging educational and training opportunities for disabled young people.
- Finding useful, adequately paid work for homebound disabled people (while not affecting employment prospects for able-bodied people).

## **JOBLESS WOMEN TOLD**

### **«DON'T BE CONNED»**

The GLC Women's Committee is being recommended by the Chair, Valerie Wise, to join a campaign to make women aware they can lose benefits if they do not register at Job Centres.

Valerie Wise claims that the 'availability for work' test applied to women in a newly introduced Form (UB671) which came into use on 18th October implies that women have nothing to gain from signing on and will discourage them from seeking even part-time work.

Women who want a job do gain by signing on - they get National Insurance contributions credited to them which improve their entitlement to maternity and sickness benefits, unemployment benefit and pensions.

Don't be put off if you are a Supplementary Benefit claimant on long term benefit and you register voluntarily. You will not lose your long term benefit. Only those who have to register for work lose their long term benefit.

NB. There is a Greenwich Women's Signing On Campaign - contact Kathryn Davies, 310 6695.

## **Women's Projects Prioritised**

The GLC Women's Committee has received applications for more than eight times the £200,000 it has to distribute in grants this year. The Committee has now drawn up a seven point priority plan to help decide between projects.

These criteria include increasing awareness of and campaigning against discrimination, campaigning for women's rights, improving women's employment prospects and child-care facilities. For full details contact Doreen King 633 6529.

## **RECYCLING**

The London Boroughs Association has asked Londoners to "put 100 million bottles our way". A publication by the Association called "Bottle Banks" is in response to the opening of a new glass recycling plant in Harlow.

This is the first bottle recycling facility in the Greater London area and will provide some guidelines as to how other plants can be set up.

For anyone interested "Bottle Banks" is available from LBA, Town Hall, Euston Road, NW1 2RN (£1.00 including postage)

SCVS would also very much like to know of any other recycling projects in or around Southwark, so please let us have details if you know of any.

## **Pensioners' AGM**

Southwark Pensioners' Action Group invites you to their AGM and public meeting on Friday 5th November at the Havil Hall, 1.30 - 3.30pm. Speakers will be Jack Jones and Cllr Alan Davis, followed by questions and discussion.

## **PRINTSHOPS**

Multi-lingual printshops are a recent development in the London area. Their main objectives are to provide comprehensive printing, translation and typesetting facilities in one or more ethnic minority languages such as Urdu, Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Chinese, etc.

The idea is to help communications within ethnic minority communities and to meet the need by public and private bodies to produce multi-lingual publications.

The printshops can also help ethnic minority youngsters learn the printing trade.

Further details: Doreen King 633 6529



## « Jobs Vacant »

Lewisham and North Southwark Community Health Council seeks two part-time Personal Secretaries.

Good typing skills needed. The job is varied and interesting and based at Catford CHC at 13 Catford Broadway.

Salary- NHS Personal Secretary Grade: £1,913 - £2,285 + £466 London Weighting (for an 18 hour week)

Job description and application forms from Personnel Dept., South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Randolph House  
46/48 Wellesley Road,  
CR9 3QA  
Tel. 686 8877. Closing date 4.11.82.  
Ref. No. 286.

SOUTHWARK NALGO has a vacancy for a Typist/Clerical Officer.

30 hours per week spread over 5 days.  
Salary £5,343 to £6,096 + £1,266  
London Weighting per annum pro rata.

A proven commitment to the Trade Union movement and the ability to cope with fluctuating workload essential.

Details and application forms from Rachel Pendlebury,  
Southwark NALGO, 34 Peckham Road,  
London SE5 8PX. Telephone 708 0232.

South Bank Builders is a new project which will eventually employ 74 people on building, renovation and decorating work for local community groups and organisations.

Adverts will be in the job centres soon for several of the supervisor posts and for people who would like to learn building skills. We are keen to encourage women onto the scheme as well as men.

If you are interested in applying you must have been unemployed for at least six months if aged 19-25 and for a year or more if over 25. For more information ring 223 8977 and ask for Kathy, Monica or David.

This is a Community Enterprise Programme scheme and will run until the end of September 1983 after which its future is uncertain.

## Volunteers

The Samaritans urgently need more volunteers to befriend the desperate, lonely and suicidal. To find out more telephone the nearest branch.

Lewisham branch - 692 5228  
Central London - 283 3400



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Southwark Council decided on Oct 22nd to submit the following priority list of urban aid applications to the Dept of the Environment.

1. WOMEN'S AID ( CHILD CARE)                      time expired
2. WOMEN'S AID ( REFUGE)                      time expired
3. ASIAN WOMENS RECREATION AND TRAINING CENTRE
4. HOMELESS ACTION
5. BELLENDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE CENTRE      time expired
6. INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL CITY MISSION
7. SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ASSN. PROJECT
8. PECKHAM SELF HELP YOUTH ASSN
9. PECKHAM SETTLEMENT DAY NURSERY
10. SOUTHWARK GROUP OF TENANTS ASSNS.      time expired
11. EAST DULWICH COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT
12. SOUTHWARK VIETNAMESE ASSN.
13. BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
14. BLACK INFORMATION ADVICE AND RESOURCE UNIT (BIARUS)
15. BERMONDSEY ELDERLY SUPPORT TEAM (BEST)      time expired

Reserves

16. SOUTHWARK HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
17. ST JUDES COMMUNITY CENTRE
18. S.E. LONDON MUSLIM CENTRE

The Dept of the Environment will decide which of these it will give urban aid to. It can fund a maximum of 10 new projects, and all 5 time expired ones, if it chooses to do so. ( Time expired projects are ones whose urban aid money runs out next year, and they are therefore reapplying.)

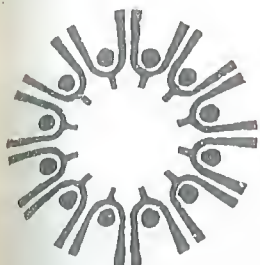
The decision is expected about February or March next year.

SCVS is planning a review of the way urban aid is handled by both SCVS and the Council. We will keep you informed of this.

If in the meantime you want any more information on urban aid please let SCVS know.







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## NEWSLETTER

### WISHING YOU

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FOR CHRISTMAS AND 1983

### SAVE ST. GILES!

A packed meeting on 9th November urged Camberwell CHC to fight the proposed closure of St. Giles Hospital.

The plan is to transfer services to St. Francis and Dulwich Hospitals and save £700,000 for other services.

Local residents, ex-patients and staff expressed very strong opposition to the closure and transfer:

- St Giles was a friendly, caring hospital much loved by patients and staff alike.

- Space in St. Giles would be needed for extra care for elderly people in the 1980's.

- Camberwell and Peckham needed their own hospital, and an empty hospital would be another blight on an area with too many derelict sites already.

- Most of the "savings" would come from loss of staff. More staff are needed, especially for care of elderly people, not fewer.

These were some of the points made at the meeting. Written views are wanted by the CHC, and should be sent to them at 75 Denmark Hill, SE5.

Support for the campaign should be addressed to "Save St Giles", St. Giles Hospital, St. Giles Road, SE5.

### URBAN AID

There will be a meeting at SCVS on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm to discuss the plans for a consultation on Urban Aid.



## WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL

A report of the Conference "Working With The Council" which was held in the summer, is now being sent out to all who attended the conference and to all SCVS's members. Along with the report will be an update of what has been happening since then. At the end of the conference it was agreed that there should<sup>not</sup> be another general conference, but that items should be pursued in a variety of different groups and federations and this has been happening.

Funding for voluntary organisations was not on the agenda of this Conference, but there were clear requests made about funding at the Wolfenden Conferences held in 78/79 - including the issues of core-funding, and 3-year funding - and SCVS has officially passed these on to the Council.

SCVS will be consulting you about

1. The terms of reference of the Community Affairs Committee, and the nature of the Voluntary Sectors links with that Committee.
2. Whether there should be a voluntary sector involvement in the prioritising of Urban Aid applications next year, and if so, how that process should be conducted.

We will also be asking whether there are any other items you feel SCVS should take up. (It must be remembered that SCVS only expects to fill the gaps and take up the more general issues and not to act where other agencies or federative groups can deal with matters themselves).

### Progress since August

Some progress has been made on a number of fronts, for example, Southwark Pensioners Action Group have made forceful representations to the Council and have been promised a Southwark Pensioners Forum that will relate to the Community Affairs Committee. Well done to the pensioners! A full update of developments will be sent with the Conference Report.

## DOCKLANDS URBAN AID

SCVS understands from a 'phone inquiry we made to the LDDC (we have previously written several letters on the subject) that the LDDC will be formally announcing the availability of grants for 1983/4 shortly. They hope to have the advert in the South London Press of 1.12.82. We understand from the 'phone conversation that the closing date will be 31.12.82,\* and that SCVS will be informed officially when this is settled!

The money is available for activity in the part of Southwark covered by the LDDC. This area is excluded from applying for the normal urban aid.

\* We have since heard may be 15.1.83

## MORE GLC AID

Further grants totalling £430,000, on top of the £1½ million given earlier this year, have been announced by the GLC. The help goes to more than 30 organisations ranging from legal advice centres and counselling projects to schemes for children, the elderly and the disabled.

These grants are in addition to help being given by other GLC Committees on arts and recreation, industry and employment, ethnic minorities and community planning.

The GLC aim 'to help all those in our community who need care, compassion and support'.

In Southwark, organisations benefitting include Cambridge House, Blackfriars Settlement and Borough Community Centre.

## RYVITA THE CLOWN

Ryvita the clown is happy and well in her Peckham hideout. She will be delighted to do a show at your club, playgroup, home or anywhere - mime! magic! juggling! acrobatics! (must be seen to be believed). Party games can be arranged before the show and/or workshops after it.

Ring 732 4103 or 291 3925

## WOMEN'S GRANTS

Southwark Women's Committee has £27,500 available for one-off grants for women's projects, before the end of this financial year. All applications will be considered at the January Committee meeting, so they should be in by the end of the year.

Ring Frances Pidgeon or Victoria Maxwell at the Town Hall for further information.

Southwark Women's Action Group (previously called the Women's Co-ordinating Committee) will be having their next meeting on Dec. 6th at SCVS at 7.30. All welcome. Ring Julia Phillips for more details at home, on 701 6550

## FIRST AID COURSE

There is an evening First Aid course starting on Wednesday 12th Jan, 7.30-9.30. It costs £3.50 for 10 sessions with special terms for those on benefit.

If there are enough people who would like to do a daytime course, we would be happy to organise one for voluntary sector staff.

Anyone interested in the daytime course please contact Jenny Williams at SCVS - 732 3731.

## GRAPEVINE RETURNS

BBC2's Grapevine begins a new series of nine programmes on 24th November, at 10.20pm. Since the programme is largely made up of ideas people send in, they are interested in whatever concerns you.

You can contact them at:

Grapevine, BBC TV, London W12 8QT

or phone 743 8000 ext. 5182/3506/3513. A leaflet is available for wider distribution.

## DECENTRALISATION

### What progress?

In May 1982 a number of Councils in London were elected on a platform that included some measures of decentralising local authority services. Southwark was one of these along with Camden, Hackney, Haringey and Islington.

Since then developments have been rather uneven. So six months later seems a good time to take stock of what is happening in different areas, and what lessons can be drawn.

There will be a meeting on Thursday December 9th at 10.30am in the Committee Room, LVSC, 54 Chalton St., NW1

Participants in the debate and activity around decentralisation from the relevant Boroughs will be at the meeting to contribute information and views.

Furniture fit for someone else to use is desperately needed by Southwark Housing to give to homeless people when they get their new home.

They collect quickly.

Ring Mrs. Mary Rowe on 639 0523

## PRINT WORKSHOP

The Community Work Service at LVSC is running 4 workshops on printing and design for community workers.

1. Design approaches - 31st Jan. 10 to 1.00pm
2. Art work - 28th Feb. 10 to 1.00pm
3. Print - 28th March 10 to 1.00pm
4. Visit to Islington Community Press. 25th April. 10 to 1.00pm

More information from Debbie Burnett CWS, 68 Chalton St., NW1

The National Federation of Community Organisations has published a useful booklet called The Community Organisations Survival Kit which gives information on fund-raising of all kinds and other hints on ways to save money. It costs £1.50 and there is a copy in SCVS's library.



## **JOBS**

### **Blackfriars Advice Centre**

Requires 2 workers: 1 Detached worker and 1 Training/Campaign Worker to join an existing co-ordinator in a team of 3. Will be dealing with all aspects of welfare rights advice.

The Centre has been closed for a year and the team will be responsible for re-establishing the centre.

#### **DETACHED ADVICE WORKER**

One advice session at Settlement and existing detached sessions at Day Centre for homeless and local council estate. Salary AP5, (£8,799-£9,333 incl. London Weighting), funded for 4 years.

#### **TRAINING/CAMPAIGN WORKER**

Two advice sessions at Settlement developing training in welfare rights locally and campaign work within Southwark in conjunction with present campaigning groups.

Salary AP5 (8.799 - £9,333 incl. London Weighting) funded for one year initially.

The area has a small but growing ethnic community. We would welcome applicants from ethnic minority groups.

Contact Cathy Newman, Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Sq., London SE1 (928 9521). Closing date 20th December 1982.

## **XMAS XCITEMENT**

Red Cross Christmas Bazaar, Saturday December 4th, 2.p.m. "Troy Town" Hall, Nigel Road, Peckham, (behind White Horse pub). Various stalls, under-12's Fancy Dress, visit Santa, 2-3pm.



Southwark Parents Association is having a Christmas Disco at Rye Hall, Peckham Manor on Friday 10th December 7.30 - 11.30pm, £1.50, ticket only, bring your own drinks. Tickets from Peckham Manor School.



PLEASE NOTE: The SCVS offices will be closed from 5.30pm on 23rd December and will re-open on 3rd January.

### **... and then**

Southwark Institute Women's Studies will be starting their Fresh Start Courses in January. They are offering a variety of subjects to help women to improve their skills and encourage them to learn new ones. There will be a meeting before the courses start at each of the three course centres, so that anyone interested can meet and talk to the organisers about plans.

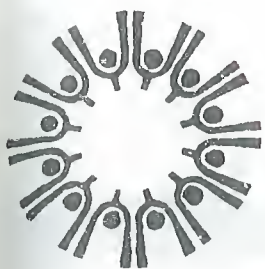
For more information ring Sally Nicholls, 639 1178

## **SCVS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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## NEWSLETTER

# GRANT NEWS

### URBAN AID

A meeting on how best to consult organisations about the Urban Aid Process was held at SCVS on 16th December.

About 20 people came to the meeting which produced some constructive suggestions. It was agreed that SCVS should prepare and distribute relevant information from other boroughs, and a questionnaire setting out various issues and alternatives.

A draft of this will be sent to the people who attended the meeting for their comments before it is widely distributed.

### GRANTS FOR ETHNIC GROUPS

Southwark Council's Race Equality Committee wants applications now from local ethnic community groups for grants.

Applications should be for £1,000 or less.

The Committee has not laid down any strict criteria. The kind of applications they would consider would be for:

- basic repairs to buildings; cost of survey/legal fees
- conferences/training on matters to do with race
- publishing information; eg take up of welfare benefits in minority languages
- basic equipment; furniture/photocopiers/typewriters
- publicity/advertising about groups' work.

Application must be made on a form, by January 24th at the latest, to Race Equality Committee Administrator, Town Clerks Dept., Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5. Forms from Stan Dubeck, tel. 703 6311 ext. 2194 or SCVS.

### G.L.C. FUNDING

The GLC is going to give grants to voluntary and community organisations next financial year (ie from 1.4.83). Application forms and a booklet on how to apply will be available in late January. Closing date for applications is 1st March 1983. For more information and application forms ring 633 1042/4798/1281. SCVS will keep you informed when we get more details.

### OFFICE PREMISES; GLC SCHEME

The GLC has a new scheme to purchase office premises for community groups

At present, it is for groups currently funded by the GLC but with no premises. Under the scheme, the GLC will buy the freehold of a property and let it to groups at a peppercorn rent, or grant aid for rent if the value of the property is above a certain limit.

The property must not require major rehabilitation. Tenure is guaranteed till 1992.

This news comes from the LVSC CWS (Community Work Service), who have sent us a list of Southwark groups funded by the GLC. They suggest that the scheme might also be used to cover groups funded by the GLC but in-



adequately housed or looking for new premises.

The GLC can do this because the Government has given it £20million for capital expenditure.

If your group is funded by the GLC and would be interested in this scheme, ring us at SCVS or the LVSC on 388 0241.

## LONDON'S CASH CRISIS

Focus on London's Cash Crisis is the theme of the Second London Assembly on Saturday January 29th, all day.

Representatives from all aspects of London are invited. Themes launched at the first Assembly held last February will be developed further with the spotlight on health provision and the state of public transport in London.

Reacting to the Government's rate support grant announcement, Illyd Harrington, Deputy Leader of the GLC, said, "It is clear now that the GLC will get no rate support grant next year... Ratepayers should be fully aware that if we spent what the Government says we should spend, then we would be forced at the very least to increase bus and tube fares by 20% - and possibly put up rents and cut essential services."

## NUNHEAD FORUM

The Nunhead Forum is the community umbrella group for the Nunhead area.

They are holding an informal party for anyone interested in finding out more on Wednesday 19th January at 7.30 at Linden Grove Community Hall, Nunhead Lane, SE15. Representatives from any new community groups especially welcome.

The next full meeting of the Nunhead Forum is on Wednesday January 26th at 8.00 at the Linden Grove Community Hall. All local groups in the Nunhead area very welcome. Come along to think about local issues, this year's Nunhead Festival, and so on.

More details from the Chair, Roger Smith on 693 4882.

## TRAINING

Introduction to the Arts for unemployed people from 16 to 25. Starts January 17th and gives up to 21 hours tuition a week (so maintaining eligibility for benefit). Painting - drawing - sculpture - music - photography - drama.

The level of skill isn't important - just interest in trying something new.

More details from John Newman, Course Co-ordinator, Fresh Start in Art, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 on 928 8501.

Access to Files, a seminar to discuss proposed new legislation on data protection and the issue of access to personal files and civil liberties, on February 9th at County Hall.

Organised by the GLC, NCCL and Central London Polytechnic. Free tickets from seminar secretary, Room 431, County Hall, SE1, on 633 3348.

Basic Bookkeeping - a course for those with a little knowledge who want more. Run by Trevor Lloyd on Thursday 20th Jan from 10 to 4 at LVSC Community Work Service.

Budgetting and Accounts - can be used as a follow-up to the previous course, or totally separate. 10th Feb. 10.00 - 4.00

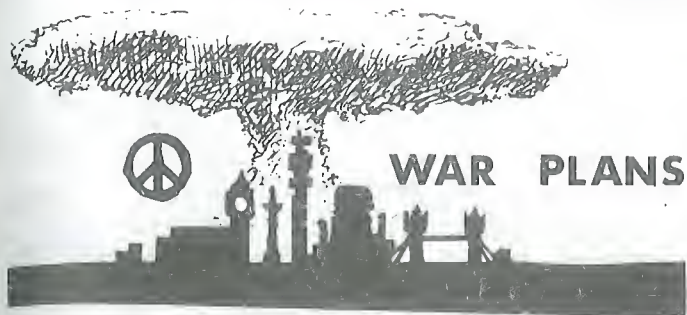
More details from Ailsa Mosbacher/Debbie Burnett at Community Work Service, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1, Tel 388 0241.

"Skills Take-away" - art, craft, games, stories and music from many countries for play and youth workers. Saturday 26th from 10.15 to 4 (£2.50) or Sunday 27th February from 10.15 to 3 (£2). Children 75p.

More details from Janet Dalglish, Leisure Centre, 34 Camberwell Road, SE5, on 701 2611.

The Leisure Centre can also provide training sessions for adults and/or children in their premises or yours. They provide all materials; fees vary. Sessions include various puppets - masks - range of crafts - games - decorations - and many more.





Now that Southwark has been declared a Nuclear Free Zone there will be an Open Day at the emergency control centre on 29th January so that the public can see the bunker for themselves. The Council will be publishing a digest of the Borough's War Plan, and copies of the full plans will be put into libraries.

The control centre is in the basement of the entertainments box office, opposite the Town Hall, and in the event of a nuclear attack would be the heart of local administration.

The Open Day is part of Southwark Council's efforts to make the public aware of the futility of war planning and the dangerously misleading nature of government literature on civil defence.

## PEACE PLANS

1983 is GLC's Peace Year and they are planning all sorts of events throughout the year, including backing Theatre Centre for a programme to be presented in schools and community Centres; a cinema commercial on Peace Year; the distribution of peace films and videos to youth and community centres and GLC sponsored films on peace for cinema distribution.

## ST. GILES HOSPITAL

St Giles' Hospital in-patient services are to close, if the District Health Authority's plans go through.

The Community Health Council opposes these proposals, which involve the transfer of services to St Francis'. They believe the plans are inadequate, and that patient care would not be improved.

In particular, the CHC is unhappy about the proposal to have all the District's

services for geriatrics and elderly mentally ill people and most psychiatric beds on one site at St Francis'.

They want to see small community units for elderly confused people, and now the District Health Authority has given them time to draw up their counter proposals.

The CHC wants to hear views from everyone before it puts its case to the Health Authority in mid-February.

Have YOU any views? If so, contact the Camberwell Community Health Council

at 75 Denmark Hill, SE5, on 703 9498.

## Women and Alcohol

Women who drink to cope with some of the pressures and difficulties in their lives have a new group starting for them. It will be led by two of the women counsellors from the Alcohol Counselling Service, a non-statutory agency based in Electric Lane, Brixton.

They are concerned that many women may be drinking to cope with the tremendous demands of family or work outside the home, and that women can become very isolated in this situation.

There is often no-one who really understands what they are going through, and it can be more difficult for women to come for help because of the stigma attached to the female drinker.

The group will be completely confidential. It will enable women to get support from one another while they look at things that may be creating difficulties in their lives and work out ways of improving the situation. Each woman will be completely free to determine whether or not she wants to drink at all and if so, how much she wants to drink!

You can help by displaying information about the Alcohol Counselling Service and the women's group. They have different kinds of posters available - one of their leaflets is enclosed.

Displaying information like this gives people permission to recognise their use of alcohol may be a problem to them as well as identifying one possible source of help.

More information from Jean White on 737 3570 or 737 3579.



## JOBS

Charterhouse wants a second youth project worker to share the existing youth programme and take responsibility for some group work with boys and daytime sessions with young unemployed.

The two workers must work closely with each other and the wider team in Charterhouse. Salary Scale 3L.

If you enjoy involvement with kids and their families, supporting voluntary helpers, working through other people and agencies, TA's, etc, are committed to a community work approach, keen to share buildings and ideas...

ring 407 5666 for a preliminary chat or to see round. Job description and application form from Charterhouse-in-Southwark, 40 Tabard St, SE1, 407 1123.

Dachwyng Parents Association need a fulltime youth worker to develop the youth project at the Dachwyng Family Centre. Evenings 4 to 10 and Saturdays

Salary over £7000. Phone 701 5110 for more information. Closing date January 18th.

## BOOK

The Management of Condensation Damp, a paper published by Southwark Law Project, is both an argument for change in housing management, and a source book of technical information about the causes and effects and principles of remedial action for condensation damp. It compares what actually happens when tenants seek remedies for dampness, with the best available knowledge in studies by the Building Research Establishment and other sources. £2.30 inc. p + p

You are invited to  
The Advice Centre in  
the Blue AGM  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
7.30pm.

Light refreshments will  
be served.

190 Southwark Pk. Road  
SE16.

Be there .....

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FEBRUARY 1983

## NEWSLETTER

### NO CUTS/SOME GROWTH IN LBS BUDGET

London Borough of Southwark has decided that its 1983/84 revenue budget will include growth of £7.9 million.

Southwark has been hit very hard by Government cuts and penalties and has not yet settled the rate as this is partly dependent on the ILEA and GLC precept. The Council has tried to stick with its commitment to the small committees, and although the budgets for Community Affairs, Race Equality and Women's Committees are very small, it is encouraging to see that Southwark is struggling to sustain some growth in these areas.

The Community Affairs Committee got half of what it asked for and has had to re-set budget priorities

to fulfill commitments made to such things as the Police Monitoring Officer, the Town Hall's Welfare Rights Officer and three workers in the voluntary sector who would otherwise have been made redundant.

The Committee has made £20,000 available for small grants. Community groups can apply for up to £2,000 throughout the year. £85,000 has been set aside to cover existing bids for growth and a further £85,000 is for new bids. This money will be advertised as soon as LBS has decided on the criteria. (This applies to the small grants money too).

£47,000 was also allocated towards raising voluntary sector salaries of LBS-funded projects, to bring them in line with Local Authority salaries. The Labour group will be discussing in the near future how to proceed with negotiations on this.

### WE WANT BACK OUR MISSING MILLIONS

LBS has launched a campaign claiming back the money taken from Southwark by the Government.

Councillors and trade unions will lead a march on Downing Street on Saturday 19th February to hand in a petition to the Prime Minister.

The march will leave from outside London College of Printing, at Elephant and Castle at 11.00am. There will be a rally afterwards in Victoria Gardens, Embankment.



# COMMUNITIES HOSPITALS

## ST GILES

Camberwell Community Health Council intends to push for the development of St Giles as a Community Hospital to serve the needs of the local community.

They have prepared a summary of alternative proposals and are anxious to hear the views of local people about the sort of services that are needed.

For further information please contact Nancy Dennis/Maggie Campbell on 703 9498 as soon as possible.

## WOMEN'S GRANTS

The Women's Committee are inviting preliminary grant applications for 1983/4. The draft criteria for granting money can be obtained from the Town Hall (ring Victoria Maxwell 703 6311). Sue Goss wants comments on these draft criteria by the end of February.

If the Women's Committee meeting on 21st March makes any major changes to these criteria, groups will be advised how this affects their application.

The deadline for grant applications for 1983/4 will be end of April 1983.

## DISABLED SWIMMING

A new Swimming Club for disabled people is to be held at Rotherhithe Baths on Saturdays from 5.00 - 6.00 pm starting on February 5th.

Transport will be provided and there will be volunteers to help in the changing rooms as well as coaching in the water.

Contact Mary Marshall at the SDA office (tel. 701 1391) if you're interested. Helpers and escorts are needed too.

# FIGHT FOR THEIR ST OLAVES

Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority have published a discussion document on the future of St. Olave's Hospital, and the Community Health Council is preparing its response to this.

They want to hear from anyone who can offer suggestions and support for what the people of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe need and want.

There will be a meeting on 29th March at 7.30 in the Court Room, Guy's Hospital to discuss the CHC's final response.

For more information contact Celia or Jenny on 690 8777 or write to the Community Health Council at 13 Carford Broadway, Catford, SE6.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

All organisations which are planning to apply to the Youth Office for money for holiday projects must have their applications for the Easter holidays into the Youth Office by 1st March.

For Summer holiday projects, letters of intent must be at the Youth Office by 1st March 1983 and final applications must be in by 28th March.

## PLAYCENTRES

The following playcentres are open from 21st February to 25th February 9.00am - 5.30pm (4.30 Friday)

Albion playcentre Albion St., SE16  
Bessemer Grange, Dylways, Greendale, SE5

Charles Dickens, Lant St., SE1  
Crampton, Iliffe St. SE17

Peckham Park, Friary Road, Queens RD SE15

### Course in Community Work

We are trying to get a short introductory course in Community Work off the ground for CEP placements with SCVS. If anyone else is interested contact Veronica Ward at SCVS.

# POLICE:

## NEW POWERS NO CURBS

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill now going through Parliament is the first single piece of legislation to attempt a definition of police powers. It will give the police unprecedented power to stop and search, set up road-blocks, detain without charge and to confiscate evidence held by innocent third parties. It does not contain comparable safeguards to protect individuals nor new proposals to either increase the accountability of the police or to curb their abuse of existing powers.

It includes:

- new powers to stop and search anybody "on reasonable suspicion"
- New powers of arrest for any offence on certain grounds.
- New powers of arrest of people convicted for any offence, however trivial, if they refuse to go to a police station to be fingerprinted. This will apply to an estimated 5 million people.
- New powers to hold a suspected person for up to 48 hours without access to a solicitor or the courts.
- New powers of detention for questioning of suspected persons for up to 96 hours. The 'right to silence' will effectively be abolished.
- The introduction of random road checks for up to 7 days in areas with high crime rates.
- New powers for fingerprinting and body samples, if necessary by force.
- New powers to seize evidence of any offence when carrying out search of premises or cars.
- New powers to search premises of people not suspected of any offence.
- New powers to search the premises and persons of professional people who hold confidential information on individuals - probation officers, social workers, doctors and even solicitors.

## BABY EXPENSES

The Women's Committee will pay babysitting costs for any women who lives in Southwark and wants to go to their meeting on March 21st in the evening.

Next year, they will try either to carry on paying baby-sitting, or set up a creche in the Town Hall.

If you have any recommendations about babysitting expenses or the creche contact Sue Goss, Women's Committee Chair, at the Town Hall.

## FIRST AID

St. Johns Ambulance and Southwark Institute are willing to do a daytime course lasting for 10 weeks, and resulting in a First Aid Certificate.

There must be at least 12 people signing up for this course before it can go ahead.

Applications to Jenny Williams at SCVS by the end of February.

## SAVE TIME PLACING ADS

Marian Beasley at Bellenden advice Centre has compiled a very useful chart giving advertising details of many papers and periodicals your organisation might want to place ads in for workers. Includes all deadlines, rates etc. Copies obtainable from SCVS

### SOURCES OF GRANT AID FROM GLC

SCVS has a list of contacts, phone numbers and reference numbers for the various programme areas for grants.(see insert)

### Community Liaison Officer for LDDC

John Wesley Fenner has been appointed Community Liaison Officer for London Docklands Development Corporation.

Mr. Fenner is an ex-Methodist Minister who has worked for the Salvation Army in the Kalahari Desert, and has spent the last two years working for a charity helping Vietnamese refugees.



## WANTED

AGE CONCERN are opening a second hand clothes shop in the old Sainsbury shop in Peckham. They urgently need helpers and jumble.

SCVS needs to replace the armchairs in its small meeting room which are falling to bits and very uncomfortable. Any offers?

Chad Nelson needs small premises - a lock up garage or similar (must have light and power) for repairing household appliances. Also wants to teach young people his skills. Can you help? Ring 928 1249.

## JUMBLE SALES

Jumble Sale: Sat. 19th Feb. 2.00pm  
Christ Church Hall, Old Kent Rd.,  
SE15, Southwark Peckham Conservative Association.

Jumble Sale: Sat. 26th Feb. 1.30pm  
All Saints Hall, Blenheim Grove,  
Peckham. Southwark Parents Association.

Jumble Sale: Saturday 5th March,  
2.00 pm at Consort Road Health  
Clinic, SE15. Nunhead FUN Play-  
group.

## WEEKENDS AWAY

There is a 17ft cruiser moored on the Grand Union canal at Slough. It is ideal for camping, fishing or for day trips. There are no charges and it would be ideal for a youth club, family or small group. Facilities are primitive and help is needed with restoration work.

For more details ring Clive Wood on 703 6570 or 701 4161 ext 38.

## JOB

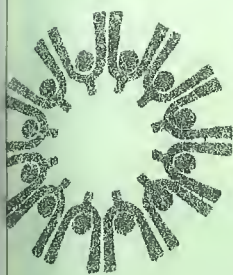
### ADULT EDUCATION WORKER

Experienced Literacy teacher wanted to join team in multi-cultural bookshop, adult education centre and local publishing project. Salary £8-9,000p.a.

Applications from black and white people welcome. Send a large S.A.E. to The Bookplace, 13 Peckham High St., London SE15.

Closing date 28th February.

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## AMENITIES GRANTS

The Amenities Committee has recently drawn up draft proposals for the procedures and criteria for grant applications from the voluntary sector.

SCVS is organising a meeting to discuss this paper.

The meeting is to be held on Monday 14th March 1983, at 7.30, at SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15

The Amenities Committee have deferred making their final decision until the end of April.

We have asked the Council to send copies of their proposals to all voluntary organisations that receive funding through the Amenities Committee. Any other group that is interested can ask for a copy from the Council or from SCVS.

We would like to use the meeting to draw together the thoughts of the Voluntary Sector on these proposals and hope that agencies will have discussed the paper themselves. We would also like to use the opportunity to discuss any other issues of concern about the Amenities Committee and their relationship with the voluntary sector.

It would be helpful if SCVS could be told whether your organisation will be represented at the meeting, and what issues you would like to discuss.

Please contact Jenny Williams, 732 3731





## GLC FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. A SUMMARY

Many GLC committees give funds to voluntary and community groups. The following is an introduction to their main concerns and includes people to contact if you want more information. All the contacts are at The County Hall, London SE1. A more detailed brochure on GLC grant giving is available from The Grants Unit, Room 2.

Arts and Recreation Committee gives grants to community arts and sports projects.

Arts Grants - priority is given to activities based in areas where there are few opportunities for enjoying arts and recreation. It also funds environmental improvement schemes on vacant land.

Contact: Miss G. Tudge or Mrs J. Brinkley  
RA/GR  
Room 676  
Telephone: 633 2362/2361/7933

Sports Grants - during 1983/84 an allocation of money will be made for grant aid to sports organisations.

Contact: Mr H. Springall or Mr D. Follard  
RA/E3  
Room 3 (South Block)  
Telephone: 633 1719

Applications for both arts and sports grants are accepted all year.

Ethnic Minorities Committee gives grants for ethnic minority projects. Preference will be given to projects where funding cannot be met through other grant-aiding arrangements and to London-wide initiatives. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 March 1983.

Contact: Mr George Gomez  
Room 602  
Telephone: 633 1276/1279

Housing Committee principally funds organisations which provide accommodation and advice services for the single homeless. It now also makes grants for schemes which provide specialist housing services, in particular innovative projects. Applications are accepted throughout the year for single homeless applications, the closing date for other housing groups is 31 March 1983.

Contact: Mr G. Oppenheim or Mr C. Wilby or Ms. S. Comely HG/H5  
IB 2S  
Telephone: 633 6232/7067/1354

Industry and Employment Committee funds co-operatives and co-operative development agencies. It also gives grants for non-commercial schemes related to employment, including projects and campaigns to increase opportunities for employment, in particular for women, ethnic minorities and the unemployed. Each main area of funding will be considered by Industry and Employment Committee twice a year.

Contact: Project Development Unit  
Room 8  
Telephone: 633 1505



Greater London Manpower Board makes grants available for training projects aimed at people of all ages and for projects which seek to improve access to training.

Contact: Mike Davies  
Room 11  
Telephone: 633 4403

Planning Committee gives high priority to funding community groups concerned with planning issues, in particular those involved with major development issues. Closing date for receipt of applications will be indicated when forms are issued.

Community Areas policy is also administered by the Planning Committee. Six areas have been selected for assistance in 1982/83 - Fitzrovia, South Hackney, Spitalfields, Southall, Hammersmith and South Bank. Further areas may be selected. Projects which improve community facilities, the housing stock or the physical environment, or which provide suitable jobs or vocational training for the local population are considered. The closing date will be advertised in due course.

Contact: (for both Planning and Community Area grants)  
Mr G. S. Stedman or Mr J. Aves  
Room 408A  
Telephone: 633 2020/8460

Police Committee deals with 'matters relating to the policing of Greater London law enforcement and public order', in particular, it supports organisations which: collect and disseminate information; give advice on the handling of complaints; and liaise and co-ordinate services to the public about policing matters. There is no closing date for applications.

Contact: Ms Judy Ware DG/PCS  
Room 567  
Telephone: 633 5944

Public Services and Fire Brigade Committee funds projects to improve London's environment, particularly in relation to waste disposal and pollution. The Committee also funds groups concerned about the threat of nuclear weapons and the transport of nuclear material through London. The closing date for applications is 1 March 1983.

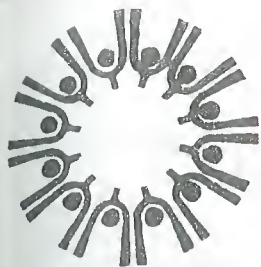
Contact: Mr Vernon Joynson DG/PR/GU  
Room 2  
Telephone 633 1280

Women's Committee funds projects, campaign which increase public awareness and against practices which discriminate against women or work to increase women's rights; enable women with young children to work and lead an active life; and benefit ethnic minority women. The closing date for applications is 31 March 1983.

Contact: Claire Keatinge  
Women's Committee Support Unit  
Telephone 633 1038

Finance and General Purposes Committee's Grants Sub-Committee allocates Community Fund money to groups working in the social and community fields and not specifically covered by the other committees. (Fuller details are available on a separate leaflet.) The closing date for this year is 1 March.

Contact: Mr Vernon Joynson DG/PR/GU  
Room 2  
Telephone 633 1042/1281/4798



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MARCH 83

## NEWSLETTER

# DOE SAVAGES URBAN AID

The Department of the Environment has announced that it will only fund three new projects for Southwark in 1983/4. It will also only partly re-fund four time expired ones. The result is quite different from earlier years. Last year seven new projects and nine time expired were approved. The year before there were seven of each.

The projects submitted by Southwark Council but not approved by the Department of the Environment are:

International Pentecostal City Mission (no. 6 in Southwark list)  
Southwark Community Association Project (no. 7)  
Peckham Self-Help Youth Association (no. 8)  
Peckham Settlement Day Nursery (no. 9)  
East Dulwich Community Work Project (no. 11)  
Borough Community Centre (no. 13)  
Black Information, Advice and Resource Unit (BIARUS) (no. 14)  
Southwark Housing for Young People (reserve)  
St. Jude's Community Centre (reserve)  
S.E. London Muslim Centre (reserve)

New Projects which have been approved and will therefore be funded are:-

Asian Women's Recreation and Training Centre £36,331 (no. 3)  
Homeless Action Southwark £13,218 (no. 4)  
Southwark Vietnamese Association (but this was only granted £10,000 p.a. out of the £24,500 it asked for).

All time expired projects are to be granted some money but none as much as they asked.

Southwark Women's Aid (£50,000 out of £86,203 for two projects).

Southwark Group of Tenants Associations (£21,409 for 1983/4; £10,705 for 1984/5 nil after that).

Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre (£20,000 out of £40,286)

Elderly Support Team (Age Concern Southwark) (£49,694 for 1983/4; £24,847 for 1984/5; nil after that).

The Government has spread less money more thinly this year (£18 million this year, £24 million last year; 203 Local Authorities applied this year, 181 last year.) Urban Aid used to go exclusively to the inner city but it is now being spread to include other areas which have "pockets of deprivation".

London Boroughs which receive more money from the D of E are the Partnership and the Programme ones. Programme authorities were expanded in the last year to include Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth and Brent.

SCVS Executive will make strong representations about this disastrous turn in Urban Aid. We would like to hear from other voluntary agencies who also intend to raise the matter with the Government.



# MONITORING PROJECT

Southwark Black Workers Group are a progressive group of social and community workers who have formed a Police Monitoring Committee from the wider community to reflect the multi-national /cultural milieu in which we live. The members of the Police Monitoring Committee are ordinary members of the community who live and work in Southwark. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to contribute.

The new initiative goes much beyond the public relations orientated approach of liaison committees, to a more meaningful consultative voice in deployment and operation especially in areas of tension.

The Police Monitoring Committee will seek to strengthen the rule of law. Their motto sums up their aims and objectives  
" We must assist the law to serve the higher aims of justice, right and truth."

The Police Monitoring Project is now contactable at 274 8793  
The project is funded by the GLC. The GLC Committee is a legally established body within the democratic process of the GLC. The main aim of the Police Committee and the Monitoring Project is to ensure that the police are accountable to the community they police.

## THERE WILL BE A JOINT MEETING OF

### SOUTHWARK POLICE MONITORING PROJECT AND INQUEST

at 69, Peckham High St SE 15  
on 11th APRIL at 7.30 pm  
to demand an enquiry into

A. The death of Terry Burke

B. Southwark Coroners Court

Speakers :

Christopher Price MP

Gareth Pearce - Solicitor

Ken Williams - New Cross Fire  
Campaign

# DHA VACANCIES

Would you like to serve on the District Health Authorities which run our health services in Southwark ?

Vacancies are coming up in the Autumn. There are two DHA's in Southwark - Camberwell ( which covers the centre and south of the Borough ) and Lewisham-Southwark (covering the north of the Borough and all Lewisham )

Now is the time to get involved as there are a lot of issues to be tackled particularly the hospital closure plans - St. Giles and St. Olaves and general reductions in the level of service.

You should live /work / have an interest in the health services in the area and be willing to attend day and evening meetings.

## IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

let Jane know at SCVS by APRIL  
15th AT THE LATEST

# RADIO WALWORTH

" SAFETY ON HOUSING ESTATES"  
is a tape made by a group of women on the Aylesbury Estate, about the fear of violence that women face living on an inner city housing estate.

The tape is available from  
Walworth Cable Radio,  
The Activities Centre,  
1A, Wendover, Thurlow St.,  
Aylesbury Estate, SE 17  
phone 701 9010

£3.00 for groups and individuals.

If you would like someone from the group who made the programme to come and speak about how the tape was made and the issues discussed phone Jackie Gemmell  
701 8145

## EQUALITY UNIT OPENS

The Southwark Women's Equality Unit opened last month. The three new workers, Nathalie Hadjifitiou (research and development officer) Tanya Whitty (campaign officer) Rita Stallard (administrative officer) are based in the Town Hall on Peckham Rd., Room 410.

Tanya talked to SCVS about the new unit :

"Our main task will be to look at Council policy from the point of view of women living and working in the Borough, and find practical ways of improving their status, living conditions and environment. To do this we need to talk to as many women as we can so we can be sure we are representing their interests.

As a step towards this we are planning a 'Women in Southwark' day in June with workshops on issues such as safety for women, housing employment, childcare and education. We hope that groups in the Borough will help us organise it and lead workshops. In the meantime we are trying to visit as many groups as possible. We can also offer help and advice to groups applying for grants to the Women's Committee."

If you want more information  
Phone Rita, Nathalie or Tanya  
703 6311 x 2174

## USE TV!

Community groups can get their message across on TV using a public service announcement on London Weekend TV. Groups can use the community information service to publicise their activities, ask for volunteers but not to fund raise or put across a political or religious message. Contact Community Information Service 633 9588

## COMPUTAFEST

The GLC is planning a computer festival, April 3rd - 17th to publicise and promote new technology and link people with projects, training, businesses and advice commercial and voluntary.

Details from 633 3348.

One event will be a fair/exhibition put on by the Association of London Computer Clubs, April 14th - 16th at Central Hall, Westminster. Details from B. Goddard 360 0061.

Do not be tempted to buy equipment without getting unbiased advice first. Jane at SCVS is currently finding some sources of help.

## MARATHON RUN FOR MENCAP

MENCAP have secured rights to the London Marathon 1983 official Programme. They desperately need volunteers to give up some time on SUNDAY APRIL 17th to help sell all the programmes. The London Marathon has become one of the Capital's major annual events, so this would be a chance for you to enjoy a fun day out and at the same time help a most deserving cause. If you are interested, contact the Voluntary Workers Bureau at SCVS on 732 5729.

## PLANNING AID

London Planning Aid Service has produced a leaflet and questionnaire outlining the sort of problems and questions which they feel are relevant to planning in inner London. They intend to use the questionnaire as a starting point and aid to discussion when they meet with Southwark Groups.

If you haven't received the questionnaire and would like to, phone LPAS on 930 8903/4/5.



# IN SHORT...

SCVS has for some time been using a very efficient and reliable volunteer typist. She is now looking for a part or full-time job, so if you know of anything, please let us know.

## Babysitting allowances

There will be a pilot baby-sitting allowance scheme in operation for Women's Committee meetings which will allow people to claim baby-sitting expenses and so make it easier for people to attend the meetings.

BRITISH RED CROSS WEEK  
MAY 2nd - 8th

THE RED CROSS SOUTHWARK CENTRE  
160, PECKHAM RYE, SE 22  
693 4512  
ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF  
COLLECTORS.

## PLEASE NOTE

SCVS NOW KEEPS COPIES OF  
BACK COUNCIL PAPERS AND  
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS  
ARE WELCOME TO COME AND  
LOOK AT THEM ANY TIME.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

### DO NOTE

Detailed applications for funding for Summer holiday projects must be submitted to the Youth Office by 30th APRIL.

# PARTY POLITICS

There is to be a Politics Party on Saturday 9th April, 9.30 - 5.00 at Camden T.A. organised by Southwark Labour Party.

This is to be the first of a series of events to help create links between different campaigning groups and the Labour party in Southwark. The aim is to build solidarity between independent campaigns and to make the Labour Party more responsive to these groups - not through a series of boring meetings, but through fun events that everyone can be involved in.

There will be exhibitions, theatre, stalls and films with food, drink and a creche all day.

Workshops include Southwark CND, Southwark Black People's Association, Health, Education, Troops Out Movement.

Everyone Welcome.

For more information ring 701 7821/703 9456



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# SOUTHWARK: GRANT AID

This is what we know so far about the criteria being set for applications for grant aid 83/84 to Southwark Council. A set of general criteria is being looked at by the Community Affairs Committee with a view to being adopted on a Council wide basis. The results of these discussions will be known in about one month's time. Each separate committee also has to decide specific criteria. The Community Affairs Committee and Women's Committee, as known so far, are set out below. Other Committees have not yet set criteria for 83/84. If you want help at this stage with finding out which committee to approach with a request for grant aid, contact SCVS or the Community Development team in the Town Hall.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

At their last meeting, on January 31st, the Women's Committee decided to invite applications for grant aid for 1983/84. Criteria have been set out as follows but are subject to review at the next women's Committee meeting taking place on 21st March.

The proposed project must be:

- of benefit to Southwark residents
- relevant to terms of reference of the Women's Committee, i.e. the achievement of equality of opportunity for women and improving the status, living conditions and environment of women within the Borough.

Priority will be given to applications from local women organising themselves.

The Committee will try to ensure that groups that are particularly disadvantaged, e.g. black women, unemployed women etc., are given some priority.

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Southwark Council is about to advertise the money to be made available for new projects in 1983/84.

The Community Affairs Committee has £85,000 for projects that are not already funded from this Committee and they are especially interested in groups that are run by local people that aim to tackle community problems or meet particular needs.

The sort of applications that the Committee will favour will include

- grants towards the running costs of groups or towards the cost of employing workers to help organise activities, run community centres etc.
- grants to help with the purchase of equipment for local groups.
- grants to help pay for expert help and advice that groups need.
- grants for the production of community newspapers or other visual material.

The Committee also has £10,000 to use initially for small grants for one-off activities or purchases to help new groups to get off the ground. These grants will normally be under £1000 and the Committee intends to make another £10,000 available in the same way later in the year.

If you want more information and some advice about applying, ring the Community Development Officers at the Town Hall, 703 6311, Ex. 2084/2260 as soon as possible, or ring SCVS or Southwark Council for Community Relations on 274 8793.

Application forms can be obtained from the Co-ordination Group, Town Hall, Peckham Rd., SE5 (or tel. 7036311 ex. 2251. The closing date for applications is FRIDAY 6th MAY 1983.



Southwark Asian Community Organisation

The Southwark Asian Community Organisation aims to promote the welfare of ~~The Asian Community~~ and promote cultural activities.

It is holding open meetings on first Sunday in every month at 5 pm at No. 69, Peckham High Street (near the junction with Rye Lane.)

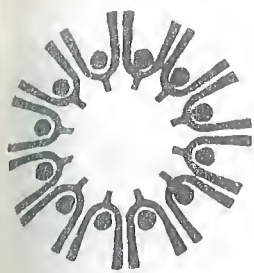
Next 2 meetings are:

Sunday 3rd April - Introduction to Southwark Asian Community Organisation; poetry reading; refreshments.

Sunday 2nd May: - Music; refreshments; speaker

Membership is open to anyone interested in Asian affairs.

For details contact Mrs. Hassam Malik - 693 8682 (at work); 299 2631 (at home)



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APRIL/MAY 1983

## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID — THE FIGHTBACK

As stated in the last newsletter SCVS is protesting strongly about the appalling Urban Aid results for Southwark. All three MPs have offered support and Harriet Harman has put down an Early Day Motion - which is a form of written objection in the House of Commons, Sam Silkin has written to Tom King (Secretary of State for the Environment) and Simon Hughes is also making his concern known.

The Community Affairs Committee expressed its horror at all the results and its support for the the voluntary sector protest, and issued a Press statement.

Many of the community groups affected have made their protest loud and clear, and SCCR has also been objecting vigorously to the powers that be. A member of the staff of the London Voluntary Service Council was told by the senior civil servant responsible for Urban Aid (Elizabeth Walton) that she could only see him briefly as she had to deal with a pile of protests from Southwark!

SCVS has been in touch with NCVS, and LVSC, and other organisations to try to build up a picture of how Southwark's treatment compares with that of other areas. Unfortunately, the Department of the Environment has **still** not issued the announcement with all the results on it, and the picture can only be put together piecemeal.

It does appear that some areas - like Barnet - have done better than expected and that the money is simply being spread more thinly over

the country, without the same emphasis on the inner city. In 1968 (the first year of Urban Aid) only 34 local authority areas could apply.

In 1982 203 local authorities applied for funding

Camden has done much better this year than last. They think this is because of the amount of protest they made last year. In Southwark we have a

problem of only three new projects being funded. Other areas share our concern that most time-expired projects are now only being given fade-out funding, and also that some new and time-expired projects have only been given part of the money they requested

The amount seems to be arbitrary rather than to relate to specific aspects of the application.

SCVS is germinating some more ways of trying to communicate our concern about the Urban Aid results to the Government, including seeking press coverage.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE EFFORTS TO DRAW GOVERNMENT ATTENTION TO SOUTHWARK'S NEED FOR URBAN AID, WRITE TO TOM KING, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, 2 MARSHAM STREET, SW1

### HEARINGS ON CABLE

The GLC in cooperation with Sheffield City Council are setting up a series of public 'Hearings' on the issues involved in Cable T.V., in order that those who will be affected, at home or at work, have the chance to make their views known. Evidence is now being collected and the Hearings will be held in late May.

### SCVS AGM

SCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Tuesday 14th June 1983 at 7.00pm (venue to be decided)

Nominations for Executive Members to be received by Monday 23rd May 1983.

Full details and nomination forms will be sent out to members soon.



## GRANTS...

Gulbenkian Grants 1983

The Gulbenkian Foundation is seeking applications for grants from charities.

In the social welfare category, priority will be given to community groups in inner cities and other deprived areas especially concerned with community care, education, training developments and with accepting responsibility for devolved central services. There will be special emphasis on local employment initiatives such as innovative job creation, training projects, seminars and studies.

Applications from ethnic minority groups in these priority categories will continue to receive sympathetic consideration. There are separate priorities for Arts and Education.

Details from Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation,  
98 Portland Place, London W1N 4ET,  
Tel 636 5313

## MORE GRANTS...

Applications for funding are now being invited designated Community Areas Policy. The map on the enclosed insert shows the area covered by the Southbank.

There is a total of £2,250,000 for capital and £800,000 for revenue. Criteria for projects include the acquisition of land, the construction and conversion of buildings, running costs, staffing and equipment.

CLOSING DATE for application 16th May 1983

Enquiries: Room 408A, County Hall,  
633 2020/8460, or from SCVS.

## AND

Home Office Grants

The Minister of State with responsibility for the Voluntary Services Unit has said that, apart from national organisations, Home Office grants can be made available to local bodies engaged on a project which is both innovative and likely to have some national significance. Organisations working in an area of high social priority which expect to get alternative funds within a short time, may also be eligible.

## GREATER LONDON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The GLC has started the process of altering the Greater London Development Plan (GLOP).

So far there have been two stages of consultation, with views from a wide spectrum of Londoners being sought.

The third stage of consultation will take place in the autumn when the new or amended sections of the GLOP will be published. Early drafts of the proposed alterations will be available from June.

Contact: Chief Development Planner, GLC

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOR DISARMAMENT

May 24th is a day for action for peace. There will be a Peace Walk through Southwark starting at Peckham Rye (King's Arms) 11 am.

### POLICE BILL

There will be a meeting to set up a Southwark League Against the Police & Criminal Evidence Bill, in the Town Hall Chamber, on May 5th at 2pm.

### NUNHEAD FESTIVAL

There's still time for organisations and groups that operate in the Nunhead area (and those that include Nunhead in their area) to be part of this June's Nunhead Festival.

Contact Roger Smith, 32 Mundania Rd., SE22,  
TelTel 693 4882

### Wanted

London Cycling Campaign is looking for office premises - about 300 sq ft.

Contact Tim Phelby 928 2318 if you know of anything.

### BUS PASS PHOTOS

Bede House can do photos for Bus Passes  
Phone 237 3881 - ask for Paul/Steve/Robert.

## MIGRANTS ACTION GROUP

Migrants Action Group are seeking information about people (especially women) who have been brought to Britain from abroad as domestic servants and may be being exploited.

Such people are often quite isolated for linguistic and cultural reasons, and may be unaware of their rights. Any information will be treated confidentially, and Migrants Action Group will do their best to help in each individual case - or refer it on to other appropriate agencies.

Contacts: Sally Hautot, Paddington Migrants Unit, 439 Harrow Road, W10, 960 5746

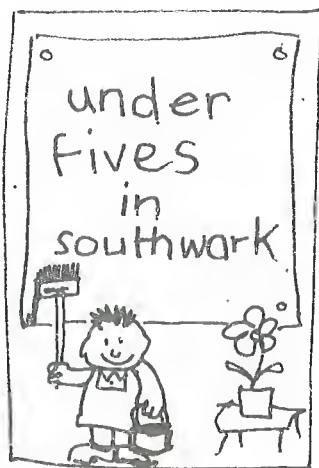
Mary Dimech and Jonathan Walters, Migrant Services Unit, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 388 0241

## UNDER FIVES FORUM MULTI-RACIAL PLAY

The Under Fives Forum is starting work on raising awareness for the need for multi-racial play activities and materials for young children.

Our first idea is to organise a one-day Exhibition, (at which as many ethnic minority groups as possible are represented) backed up by talks, discussions and information.

Anyone interested in joining in the planning or in taking part is very welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 4th, at the Children's Centre, Castlemead Estate, Camberwell Road (near Wyndham Road) SE5, at 12.30pm. Or contact Jenny Williams at SCVS.



"Under Fives in Southwark" is an information booklet of what's on for Under Fives. Copies available NOW from SCVS.

## POLICIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A report on Policies and Programmes for Disabled People was considered by Southwark Council's Community Affairs Committee on 23rd March. It covers: Services the Council provides within the Community; Employment by the Council of Disabled Persons; Access to Council premises; The influence the Council can exert over other agencies.

copies are available from Veronica Trim, on 703 6311 ext 2011

## FUN AND SPORT

Southwark Council is organising a Fun and Sports Weekend on July 2nd and 3rd. Events include a 5 mile road race, barge racing, tug of war, welly-boot throwing.

They hope that voluntary groups, community groups, T.A.'s will join in and support the weekend. For further information contact: Bryan Watts, Entertainments Officer, Town Hall.

## WORKPLACE NURSERIES

In Southwark there are two workplace nurseries with places for about 30 children.

On Saturday 14th May a Day School on Workplace Nurseries: How do we get them in Southwark? will take place at St Albans Hall, Manor Place, SE17, from 11am till 4pm.

It is organised by a group of Southwark-based Childcare Campaigns, and will include sessions on how to campaign for workplace nurseries in health, education, local government services and industry, and a "beginners class".

There will be a creche, and films, food and books.

An informative 6 page booklet on Workplace Nurseries has also been produced by the Surrey Docks Child Care Project and SCVS Employment Unit.

Copies of the leaflet and more information about the Day School can be had from Eileen Stamford at SCVS on 732 9777.



SCVS IS STARTING A JOBS BOARD AT 135  
PVE LANE. IF YOU HAVE ANY JOBS TO ADVERTISE,  
PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE EMPLOYMENT UNIT.

**SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE**  
needs an **ADMINISTRATOR (FINANCIAL)**

To join an admin. team of 3, to be responsible  
for the financial management of the organisation,  
the provision of financial advice to member  
groups, as well as some of the administrative  
functions of the organisation, which has a  
staff of 20.

SCVS is committed to combatting racism and  
sexism and other forms of discrimination and  
the person appointed should share this  
commitment.

**SALARY** : AP5/S01 (£8925 to £10,3365 including  
London Weighting).

**CLOSING OATE**: 18th MAY

SCVS will shortly be advertising for an  
**ADMINISTRATOR** for about 20-25 hours a week  
(£8007 pro rata). Duties will include  
assisting visitors with use of duplicators and  
other equipment, production of publications,  
maintaining stationery and other supplies,  
organising maintenance of premises and  
equipment.

SCVS needs a temporary person to keep the books  
up to date until we appoint a new Financial  
Administrator

If you know of anyone with good book-keeping  
experience who could come here one day a week  
to help us out, let us know. We will pay on  
an hourly basis (£5 per hour)

**SCVS HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT**  
needs another worker  
to share the work of the team of 4

\*advising other workers, such as Council  
officers and advice workers, how to tackle  
the housing problems of people in Southwark;

\*keeping them up-to-date on housing law and  
local housing;

\*training others and writing about housing  
problems.

Applicants with a knowledge of housing rights,  
the ability to learn quickly and communicate  
are encouraged to apply. Experience of advice  
or housing work, inner-city housing or black  
people's experience of housing would be  
desirable.

For an informal chat about the job, contact  
HARU on 732 3649.

**Salary**: AP5/S01 (£89225 - £10,365 including  
London Weighting).

**CLOSING OATE MAY 15th**

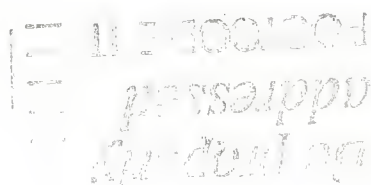
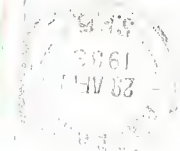
SCVS Aims to be an equal opportunities  
employer and people with experience of living  
or working in a multi-racial environment  
are encouraged to apply.

Details and application forms from SCVS,

As you may have gathered from the ad. above,  
Wendy Saunders has left us to go and work  
for the Greenwich Lone Parents Project.

We are very sorry to lose her, and wish her  
good luck in the new job.

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LONDON,  
211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
JOHN HARVARD LIBRARY,  
SOUTHWARK LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY.



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Southwark Group of Tenants' Associations has moved into new shop-front premises at 221 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15.

New phone number is: 639 6717

### LEND A HELPING HAND

The Volunteer Bureau has produced a booklet called Lend A Helping Hand about all the opportunities for voluntary work in Southwark. More information and free copies of the booklet available from Amy Wallis or Oona Goldsworthy - Tel. 732 5729.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY

The GLC has set up a steering group on Information Technology for Londoners. Anyon interested in the use of computers in voluntary organisations is welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Perry, Rm 431, County Hall, SE1. Tel. 633 3348

### CABLE TV - PUBLIC HEARING

The GLC and Sheffield City Council have decided to hold Public Hearings on Cable TV as it seems that some franchises could be handed out towards the end of this year. SCVS has a copy of the Briefing Paper which has been produced for this hearing, if anyone wants to look at it.

### A MUSICAL JOURNEY FOR LITTLEYS

This is the title of a book and cassette of songs and children's rhymes from all over the world. It is aimed at people and organisations dealing with multi-cultural/racial education and play. SCVS has a copy of it which can be borrowed. Phone Jenny Williams on 732 3731.

### ADVICE LEAFLET

Age Concern has produced a leaflet which briefly describes the main benefits and services available, translated into five Asian languages, Greek and Chinese - it is called Your Rights for Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens.

### TRANSPORT IN LONDON

Copies of a document entitled TRANSPORT IN LONDON - THE BALANCED PLAN, The Council's aim for 1984-5 - are available on request from the GLC.

### MANAGEMENT COURSES

NCVO has recently set up a Management Development Unit which is running a series of short courses designed for people in smaller organisations, or working in teams within larger agencies.

Full details from Annette Webster at MDU, 26 Bedford Square, WC1, tel. 636 4066.

### DISTRICT PLAN CONSULTATION

In July everyone living in Walworth, Camberwell, Old Kent Road, Peckham, Nunhead, East Dulwich, Dulwich and Herne Hill will be getting a copy of The District Plan. This will basically set out the problems that have been identified and how the Council proposes to cope with them. The Plan will be officially launched for consultation in the latter half of the summer, but until then the Planners will answer questions, give talks on the work of the Division. If you would like your local Planner to attend a future meeting of yo-r group, ring them on 703 6311.

### DISABLED - POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

Southwark's Community Affairs Committee has considered a report reviewing policies and programmes for the disabled in Southwark.

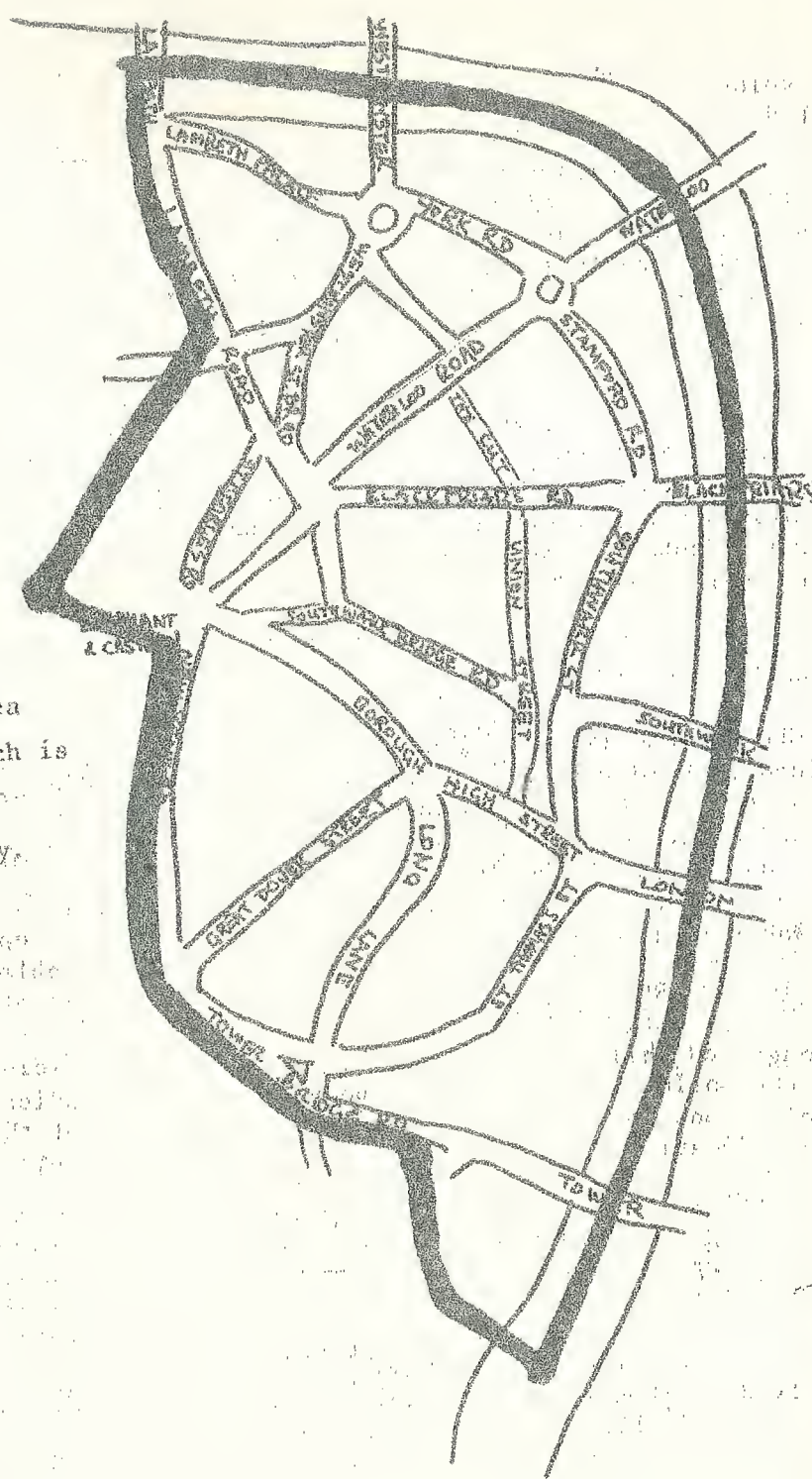
The Committee agreed

- to develop overall policies in order to open up awareness of the needs of the disabled in Southwark, and to create new initiatives.
- that there should be another report on policies and programmes for mentally handicapped.
- that the recommendations in the report should be considered by the appropriate service committees and that they should then report back to Community Affairs.
- that the report be referred to the Establishment Committee as a response to the Draft Equal Opportunities Code of Practice.

### DUPLICATOR REQUIRED URGENTLY

DACHWYNG PARENTS ASSOCIATION is in great need of a duplicator. If you think you can help, telephone 732 2579 or 701 5110.





This map shows the area  
on the South Bank which is  
covered by the GLC's  
Community Areas Policy.

JUNE 1983

We are sending out our Annual Report this month in place of our usual Newsletter, so we have produced this sheet of bits of news and information that can't wait until next month.

URBAN AID FOR NEXT YEAR - URGENT

Be prepared

Next year's circular No. 24 will probably be out in July. It would have been June but it has been delayed by the election. SCVS has pointed out to the Government that this should mean that the closing date should be later BUT the Government is unlikely to listen to us. So there may be less time to get Urban Aid applications done. **SO YOU NEED TO THINK NOW.**

SCVS has got a draft of the proposed circular which you can come in and read here. Of course the Government may change it before they publish their final version.

A huge problem exists for Southwark in that the draft proposes that each authority can only put forward 10 projects (old and new). Southwark has more time-expired projects than this. The Council and SCVS have both written to the Department of the Environment protesting.

It appears from the circular that groups in Southwark's Docklands will be able to apply for urban aid this year. We are seeking clarification from the Department of the Environment. e.g. does this mean D of E money will no longer be available through the LDDC?

THE NEW PECKHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The new Citizen's Advice Bureau will open at 97 Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS on Monday 6th June.

The Bureau will be open to callers and answer and to answer telephone enquiries (639 4471/2) at the following times:-

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Monday  | 1 - 3 pm |
| Tuesday | 1 - 3 pm |
| Weds.   | 5 - 7 pm |
| Thurs.  | 1 - 3 pm |
| Friday  | 1 - 3 pm |

The advice sessions at Peckham Methodist Church and the Housing Office, Gloucester Grove Estate will now cease.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARKS

The GLC has produced two booklets giving details of planned events in London's parks. What's On, and What's On For Youngsters, are available from GLC parks or local libraries or by post from the Information Office, Dept of Recreation and the Arts, County Hall, SE1.

GLC ARTS GRANTS

The GLC Arts & Recreation Committee has had so many applications for funds this year that they have decided to set a closing date of 30th June 1983.

For more details, application forms, write to Department of Recreation and the Arts, RA/GR, at County Hall, SE1, or call 633 2361/2.

SHORT COURSES AND CONFERENCES

The Community Work Service at LVSC produces a list of short courses/conferences/meetings etc arranged by groups in London. We have their May supplement and a more substantial list will be coming out in August.

Please send details of any courses or meetings relevant to community groups and workers to Debbie Burnett, CWS, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR.

CONFERENCE ROOM

Area 5 Social Services has a conference Room which takes 20 people sitting round tables or 50 in rows. If you want to arrange to use it contact Dave Cook.

NEW BOOKS AT SCVS

Basic Book-keeping for Community Groups  
Halls For Hire in London  
A Report on Childminding.

We have just bought these, if anyone wants to look at them.

BASIC COMMUNITY WORK COURSE

This is a 3 day course at South Bank Poly for paid or unpaid people working with community groups. 27th, 28th, 29th June. £45 - special rates for the unemployed. Anyone interested contact Veronica Ward at SCVS.



#### A DAY FOR WOMEN

Southwark Women's Equality Unit has organised a Day For Women on 25th June at Camden Tenants Hall, Peckham SE15. There will be videos, discussion groups, Theatre, a steel band, stalls, exhibitions, food, playbus and story-telling for children. It starts at 11.30 and finishes around 4.30pm.

#### JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR is required by the Society for Co-operative Dwellings. Full time: £8,000 - £9,000. More information: 733 1636

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme ORGANISER for community based project in North Peckham which is part of the Hummingbird Housing Project. Playscheme provides all-day care during holiday periods for local latchkey children (5 - 11 years). The work is part-time, full-time and intensive during holidays and half terms. Salary £3,300 for equivalent of a 29 week year. More information: Director of Hummingbird on 236 2630.

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT, part-time for Lewisham and North Southwark Community Health Council, based in Catford. Good secretarial skills plus ability to deal with general enquiries. Salary £2119 + £498 London Weighting for an 18 hour week. More information: 686 8877 Closing date: 16th June 1983

#### VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ENGLISH

Southwark English Language Scheme needs people to teach English to students who are unable to go to English classes. For more information contact Emily Fawcus Southwark Institute, Tabard Branch, Hunter Close, London SE1, 407 3230.

#### FOR SALE

Ambulance - Commer Vehicle. M Reg. Tail lift. Capacity: 10 seated or 6 seated + 3 wheelchairs. Well maintained, low mileage, good running order. £1000 o.n.o. Contact Croydon Guild of Voluntary Organisations, 684 3862

#### NUNHEAD FESTIVAL - JUNE 1983

##### A month of community Events

- Friday June 10 Festival Concert in St Anthony's Church 7.30pm Tickets 50p - children 25p
- Saturday June 11 Open Afternoon and Festival Queen Competition in Linden Grove Community Hall (Nunhead Lane) from 2pm.
- Friday June 17 Festive Barn Dance, St Silas Hall (Inverton Road) 7.30pm. Bar and Food
- Saturday June 25 Nunhead Fayre on Nunhead Green. 2pm. Stalls, Games Sideshows, Teas
- Sunday June 26 Festival Thanksgiving Event St Silas Church and Grounds 6.30pm

Detailed Programme available from Nunhead Library and Local Shops.

#### SCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. is on June 14th at the Dominica Hall, 69 Peckham High Street, at 7.00pm.

Any of our members who would like to exhibit photographs, information etc please bring it along to the hall in the afternoon of the 14th (after 3.00pm)



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JULY 1983

## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID - GET READY!

This year's circular ( No. 24) will probably be out around 11th July. It has been delayed by the election. As we warned you in the last Newsletter the closing date may not be put back as you will only have the summer period to get any application prepared. SCVS has a copy of the draft circular which the Government sent to a few national organisations for consultation. If you would like to read this draft you are welcome to do so at SCVS.

#### OUR QUERIES ON THE DRAFT CIRCULAR

The draft stated that only 10 projects (old or new) can be submitted by each authority. SCVS and the Council both wrote to the Department of the Environment pointing out that Southwark has more time expired projects than this, as well as great demand for new projects. We hope an exception will be made for areas like Southwark which has this problem. Apparently DoE staff had not spotted this problem!

Newham and Southwark Docklands were specifically included in the draft. SCVS asked for clarification. Conversations Town Hall staff have had with the DoE suggest this will not be in the final version. SCVS is asking for more information about the way the DoE intends to handle time expired projects. If, as this year, they mainly intend to tail off funding, then it would be fair if they said this before Local Authorities make their priority list. This is especially true for Southwark where we have a lot of time expired projects.

### URBAN AID MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether we would like the voluntary sector to take part in the prioritising process, what role the meeting would like SCVS to play and what recommendations it wished to make to the Council about how they should prioritise.

Unfortunately only 6 organisations were represented at the meeting. 10 others had sent apologies and some comments. 20 organisations had filled in the questionnaire.

Although a simple majority of organisations responding had been in favour of the voluntary sector prioritising the numbers had been too limited for this to amount to a mandate.

The problem gets more serious each year as the number of good applications grows and the number of projects the DoE will allow us to forward, shrinks.

As a result of the questionnaire and the meeting the following comments have been passed on to the Community Affairs Committee :-

1. The voluntary sector will not be prioritising Urban Aid applications through SCVS this year.
2. Urban aid should continue to be used exclusively by the voluntary sector.
3. SCVS will do its best as usual to help all groups (members or non members) complete application forms. This will include, as is customary, one day devoted especially to the subject with all



possible help mobilised. In addition to the usual Council staff which are present on the day, we wish to accept the offer from the Borough Treasurer that one of their staff are present at SCVS for that day.

4 Council Officers will keep a record of all community groups which apply for Urban Aid so that SCVS can contact them all offering help.

5 The meeting felt that it would be a good idea if all organisations planning to apply for Urban Aid contacted their ward councillor so that councillors know about the application.

6 The meeting felt that projects should have the chance to speak about their project to the decision making committee and have the chance to answer officer comments and criticisms

7 In view of the critical remarks made by the DoE about the quality ( and hence unfundability in their view ) of applications from Southwark, SCVS and Council officers offer help this year to projects which are passed by the Council for submission to the DoE.

8 Thinking about Urban Aid has to be reviewed. It can no longer be viewed as having the same key role in the funding of the voluntary sector that it used to have.

So few projects can be submitted to the DoE that voluntary organisations should remember that the Council does grant aid voluntary organisations. Both SCVS and the Council can give advice on how to do this.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE COUNCIL ABOUT FUNDING see the article in the middle of this Newsletter.

9. The draft Urban Aid circular proposes a "community chest" application for which a Local Authority can put forward instead of an application for one project. This would provide money for small grants.

The meeting fully appreciated the need for such money to be available but did not think it was a particularly pressing priority for Urban Aid money in Southwark.

The Community Affairs Committee has recently introduced a small grants programme as an important addition to small grants already available from other committees. In the present circumstances small one - off grant money can be more easily found by the Council than long term revenue commitment.

10 SCVS will continue to push for improved funding for Southwark under the Urban programme.

# FUNDING POLICY

A Consultation paper entitled "The Relationship Between Southwark Council and The Voluntary Sector" has been written by John Haslett, of the Town Clerk's Department. Its purpose is to look at all aspects of the Council's relationship with voluntary organisations in Southwark, but with particular reference to grant making procedures and criteria and also to methods of joint working between the Council and voluntary organisations. The paper examines these aspects for all of Southwark Council's Committees.

On 27th June SCVS had a meeting to discuss the paper and sound out ideas from it. We invited all our member organisations and as many black and ethnic minority organisations as we could contact. About 30 people came, representing a wide range of different sorts of organisations. John Haslett was there to talk about the paper, along with Councillors Graeme Geddes and John Fowler (Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Affairs Committee).

One of the first suggestions in the report is that the Council should produce some leaflets explaining council funding in general and what the various committees do. Everyone at the meeting agreed that this is badly needed and that there should be a leaflet giving very general information and a series of more detailed leaflets giving specific information about the individual committees.

There was general agreement in the meeting that the Council must redesign the application form they use for grants.

The paper includes an appendix listing broad criteria for grant giving. It was felt that these should be seen as, and called 'guidelines' rather than criteria, and they should not be used as a means of excluding applicants. The use of overall criteria can force groups to narrow the scope of their activities to fit a funding application.

The meeting discussed the list of criteria in some detail and made suggestions for changes of wording in quite a few cases..

## Priorities

The paper looks at ways of establishing which areas of work need to be treated as priorities, and proposes that there should be a survey of the Voluntary Sector in Southwark

# CONSULTATION

Everyone at the meeting agreed that this was not feasible as the voluntary sector is too diverse and changing for anything like an accurate picture to be given. It would be more useful for Councillors to develop their knowledge of what is needed in their wards. It may be possible to do surveys of particular geographical areas or particular services. The point was made that surveys are not of much use to Councillors because they ultimately have to make decisions in the context of Borough-wide priorities.

## Financial Situation in the Non-Statutory Sector

The paper looks at how groups that are in the most financial difficulty can be identified. People at the meeting felt that this is only really possible for the bigger groups who already have staff and/or premises.

The whole question of setting priorities was discussed at some length. Priorities should be based upon what work needs to be done, in what order, how best it can be achieved and by which groups. There was a strong argument for setting priorities after the applications have been made. Voluntary organisations are responding to need when they apply for money, and pre-determined priorities can inhibit and restrict them. Councillors should be in a position to see where need exists and to encourage applications where appropriate.

## Joint Working

It was agreed that if there is going to be effective joint working between voluntary organisations and the Council, there needs to be a variety of methods - i.e. direct access to councillors, a range of Forums for particular interests and areas of work. The question of whether a general Joint Working Party would be effective needs a lot of discussion. It was suggested that the Community Affairs Committee should encourage voluntary organisations to come to its meetings regularly and participate. The Women's Committee has done this very successfully.

Copies of the paper are obtainable from the Town Hall. A summary is available from SCVS.



## LBS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR



Consultation on

FUNDING STRATEGY WITH VOLUNTARY SECTOR

2ND MEETING

Thursday 21st July 1983

7.30 at SCVS  
135 Rye Lane SE15



THIS AFFECTS YOU



SCVS has organised these meetings about the document to help voluntary organisations to get involved in the Council's consultation. If your group wishes to comment on the paper, or you want to discuss it in the context of your own area or work, then Southwark Council will be pleased to hear from you.

## POOR SOUTHWARK

The London Borough of Southwark is considering whether to apply to the Dept. of Environment for 'Programme Status'. Official analysis of the 1981 census data reveals that London is one of the most deprived areas in the country, and that Southwark is among the 'top-ten' on the deprivation indices. Out of these top ten, 3 are already partnership areas (Hornsey/Islington, Lambeth and Docklands) and 4 are Programme Areas (Hammersmith, Brent, Tower Hamlets and Wandsworth). However, Haringey, Camden and Southwark, despite their high rating, are left out. Furthermore, both Southwark and Camden did not do well under last years traditional urban programme. There seems to be a case for getting more money into Southwark. Voluntary agencies may also want to use these indications of deprivation in their application forms for grants.

SCVS DIRECTORY IS NOW FREE!

We have just decided that our Directory is now so out of date we can't expect people to pay for it. From now on it is free to anyone who wants to come and get it, and you can have as many copies as you like.

A summer fair is taking place on Saturday 9th July 1983 at Brunswick Park, St. Giles Road, SE5, from 2.30 p.m.



# MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Cambridge House Project for the Mentally Handicapped is trying to set up a befriending scheme for both children and adults with a mental handicap.

Volunteers are needed to spend a small amount of time, possibly as little as one evening a week or a weekend afternoon sharing leisure activities with one person with a mental handicap. Expenses up to £3 can be paid.

Contact Danny Wells or Chris Vickerman for further details on 701 0769 or 703 5025 x 6.

The South East Thames Regional Health Authority has recently published their formal policy on the funding of mental handicapped projects. It is aimed at assisting the provision of locally based mental handicapped facilities to achieve self sufficiency within the district area. Voluntary organisations play an important part in provision in this field and the Regional Health Authority is anxious that copies of the document are distributed widely to local groups.

SCVS HAS SOME COPIES

## RACISM AWARENESS

RAPU are organising a weekend workshop in racism awareness training for Afro-Caribbean and Asian women and men on the 8th to 10th July. It is an introductory course aimed at workers in education, social/youth work, or any other of the 'caring professions'.

For more details contact: RAPU, Strand Centre, Elm Park, SW2.

# ADVICE CENTRE REOPENS

Blackfriars Advice Centre, at 44 Nelson Square, SE1, re-opened on May 1st after being closed for almost 2 years. Its catchment area is the north-west of the borough, the area enclosed by Blackfriars Road, London Road, New Kent Road, Bermondsey Street, and the river.

The Advice Centre is open to the public on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons (also telephone enquiries on 928 9521).

The Centre also undertakes detached advice work at North Lambeth Day Centre (for users) and at the Borough Community Centre.

## CAB CLOSED

Southwark Citizens Advice Bureau at 199 Walworth Road, SE17, is closing to the public for 6 weeks from Monday June 13th until Friday July 22nd inclusive.

The Bureau is re-organising and re-furbishing its premises. Staff will still answer their 703 4198 public lines on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, for existing clients. New cases cannot be taken on by the CAB during this period, however.

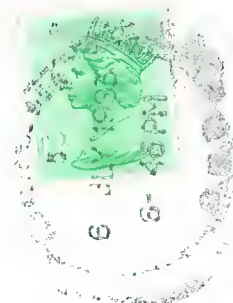
## ENDOMETRIOSIS

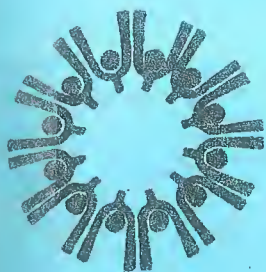
Women who suffer from endometriosis have got together to form a society. Its aims mutual help and support and sharing the experiences and problems caused by the disease.

For a free leaflet contact: The Endo-metriososis Society, 65 Holmdene Avenue, Herne Hill, SE24 9LD.

Next meetings of the Society are on July 17th and August 14th 1983.

SOUTHWARK LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY,  
N HARVARD LIBRARY,  
11, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
LONDON,  
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## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID FIRST SURGERY

SCVS has decided to have two day advice sessions this year. The first one will be on Tuesday 2nd August for the whole day. SCVS Fieldwork staff will set aside time particularly on that day to discuss your initial ideas and preliminary stages in putting the application together.

This will be followed by another day before the end of August when SCVS staff and Council officers, including someone from the Borough Treasurers Department, will be available to help any group to finalise and polish up their application.

You will be hearing very soon the exact date of the second session. If you will be unable to come on these specific days, SCVS fieldworkers are of course available at other times to give advice and help with applications.

#### BABYSITTING ALLOWANCES

The GLC Women's Committee has introduced a scheme to pay babysitting/dependants costs of women attending their meetings. They will pay a maximum of £1.50 per hour. They already provide creche facilities at all their meetings but some women are reluctant to bring small children to evening meetings, and the dependants allowance will also enable women caring for an old or disabled person to attend.

#### Resource Centre

You can get help producing posters, newsletters, leaflets etc. at the North Southwark Community Development Group Resource Centre. They've got a duplicator, stencil cutter, photocopier, lettraset etc. and will give advice and assistance.

Cost price only for materials. Phone 928 0711, talk to Martin or Roger to arrange a time.

#### GLC COMPUTER INITIATIVES

The GLC has an 'Information Technology Steering Group' open to anyone interested, which meets every 3-4 months to discuss The GLC's current and planned activities on new technology, make comments, and exchange information. Its next meeting is at 2.30pm Wed. July 27th, Rm. 97, County Hall. Ring 633 3348 for details of this and future meetings

The GLC are also organising a series of workshops over the coming months, open to interested voluntary organisations. They include: Introduction to Information Technology, Finance and Payroll, Database, microcomputers, wordprocessing, viewdata etc.

Also planned are seminars for particular groups, e.g. womens groups, disabled people, children and young people. For details ring 633 3348.

There is also a GLC budget for grant aid to community groups, including consultancy, equipment (including mini and microcomputers and viewdata); and for loan of equipment for 2-3 months.



# GLC COMMUNITY FUND

The GLC Community Fund is for grants to groups working in the social and community fields, e.g. children, elderly, health, advice, community work, etc. It is allocated by the GLC's Finance and General Purposes Committee. This committee gave grants to groups in Southwark totalling £119,000 last

year, so it is a very important source of funding.

The GLC wants to know the views of voluntary organisations on what kind of projects they think the GLC Community Fund should support to meet the needs in Southwark. They are having a meeting to discuss this on 26th July at North Peckham Assembly Hall, Old Kent Rd., SE15.

If you have any ideas for meeting local needs which could be developed into an application for funds, the GLC would like to hear about it at the meeting. They may be able to consider it this financial year.

If you can't come to the meeting, you can write to the Voluntary Sector Development Team, Rm.501 GLC, County Hall, SE1 or ring 633 2255.

More information from Jane at SCVS

## EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

South East Region Volunteer Emergency Service (SERVES) is a group of "owners of any kind of transport". They will provide emergency and essential transport for medical purposes (blood, drugs, etc.) and to carry handicapped, aged, or infirm people.

Their hours are 6pm - 7am, Monday to Friday, and 24 hours Saturday and Sunday  
Contacts:

Emergency Calls 855 2410

Non-urgent and general calls, 10am - 6pm (messages) 855 3868

6pm - 7am Mon. - Fri. 854 9979

Volunteers and "non-mission" enquiries  
10 am - 6pm (messages) 855 2410

6pm - 10am Mon. - Fri. 854 9979

10am - 10pm Sat. & Sun 854 9979

## PAY RISE

The Local Government pay rise has now been settled for the year, and SCVS has an information sheet for any groups that need it.

## LONDON MEDIA PROJECT

The London Media Project helps local community and voluntary groups make better use of the media. So if you've had problems getting coverage, or have simply never considered it, the London Media Project can help - whether through raining or just by providing useful contacts and information.

It is part of CSV, The National Volunteer Agency and is at 237 Pentonville Road, NI 9NJ. Tel. 278 6601

## DEAF OR PARTIALLY HEARING?

Breakthrough Trust (for Deaf-Hearing Integration) are running sessions at Southwark Adult Education Institute, Queen's Road Centre, St. Mary's Road, SE15.

Mondays: 10.30 -2, Cookery, Dressmaking, Badminton, Swimming, and general talk and advice.

Tuesdays: 10 -12, Pottery, Flower Arranging, Dressmaking, Badminton and Keep Fit and Health for all ages.

Ring or write to: Breakthrough Trust  
The Hall,  
Peyton Place, SE10

Tel. and Vistel 853 5661

# BOOKS

The National Federation of Community Organisations has just published some new books for people working with community groups. Titles are as follows:

Making News: Producing a Community Newspaper £2.50

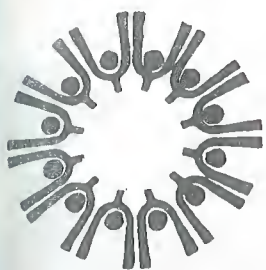
Guidelines for a Local Federal Organisation. £12.00

Wall Murals. £1.00

The Community Organisations Survival Kit. £1.50 (£1.00)

Bars, Charities and the Law. £9.00 (£4.50)

These can all be ordered from NFCO, 10 Bayley St, WC1B 3HB. Tel. 636 1295  
They publish a lot of other books and information sheets as well.



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## NEWSLETTER

### MID-SOUTH SWARK DISTRICT PLAN

The Mid- South Southwark District Plan is now out. It sets out Southwark Council's plans for environment, housing, shopping, community facilities, jobs and transport for Newington, Walworth, Old Kent Road area, Camberwell, Peckham, Nunhead, E. Dulwich and Dulwich. The Council is sending information and a questionnaire to all household in the area and having public meetings as follows:

- Sept. 7th: Bellenden Primary School,  
Needham St., SE15
- 8th: Penrose Tenants Hall  
Penrose Street, SE17
- 14th: Kingswood House, Seeley Drive,  
SE 21.
- 15th: N.Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent  
Road.
- 22nd: Linden Grove Tenants Hall  
at 7.30pm. Babysitting allowance available  
claim at the meeting.

There is also an exhibition bus in various

locations - phone the Planning Department  
703 6311 x 2321 for details.

NB IF REQUESTED THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS  
WILLING TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING WITH YOUR  
COMMUNITY GROUP

Phone the above number.

Groups can buy or borrow full copies of the  
Plan from the Planning Department.

Closing date for comments - Sept. 30th.

SCVS fieldworkers are concerned that there  
is no mention in the Plan about premises  
for places of worship or for late night  
entertainment /music.

There also needs to be emphasis on the  
importance of having voluntary sector  
premises accessible to people with  
disabilities.

If there are other things you would like  
SCVS to say to the Council about the plan,  
let Jane know by Sept.12th.

### MONEY FOR DOCKLANDS

Groups which want funding in the Docklands  
area need to be putting together their  
applications now.

NB If you are already funded by the LDDC  
you need to reapply. No details yet on  
procedure, closing date etc. Phone Jane  
at SCVS for information.

### black arts & crafts fair

From August 29th to September 3rd the  
Caribbean Crafts Circle is organising  
displays and demonstrations of black  
arts and crafts. This will include  
batik, steel drum making, hair plaiting,  
leather work and game making, and there  
will be a programme of entertainments.  
in the Piazza, Covent Garden.

#### CANNON NP122 PHOTOCOPIER

Cannon are 'giving away' an unlimited  
number of desk top copiers to non profit  
making organisations.  
Cannon will lease the photocopier to you  
on a four year contract. The cost -£25  
installation charge and 1.5P per copy,  
payable a month in arrears. Free rental

This offer is being dealt with by:  
Mike Burke, Sales Director  
Fosterhope,  
300 - 304 Corn Exchange Building,  
Hanging Ditch, Manchester 4  
Tele. 061 834 7840



# WOMEN'S LEISURE

The Women's Committee of Southwark Council is anxious to find out what sort of leisure facilities women in Southwark want. If you look around the Borough, you'll see that most of the sport and recreation activities cater for boys and men.

The Council would like the views of as many women as possible on what the Council ought to be doing over the next few years. The Women's Equality Unit and the Planning Department hope to talk to many women by talking to women's groups and organisations. If you do not get the chance to make your views known in this way and would like to fill in the questionnaire contact The Women's Equality Unit at the Town Hall 703 6311 x 2174

## ♀'S HEALTH

**SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S HEALTH CARNIVAL** will now be on 29th October, not the 22nd.

If you would like to be involved (i.e. have a stall, run or join in a discussion group, organise some music etc.) contact Judy Woodman at Southwark AEI, Queens Road Centre, St. Mary's Road, SE15 as soon as possible.

## HEALTH ISSUES

NCVO has recently attracted funding from the DHSS to set up a Community Health Initiatives Resource Unit (CHIRU). The Unit will aim to promote and support groups and organisations which are working around health issues.

The Unit is now trying to locate all community health initiatives.

Would you please, if you are involved in or know of, a community health initiative, send a description of its activities and a copy of any materials it has produced?

Send all information to: Alison Watt, CHIRU, NCVO, 26, Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.

For VOCAL, a national charity for people with speech impairment. Need office and interview room with phone. Can afford £700 p.a. rent. Contact: The Director, 109, Drakefield Rd., SW17 Tele. 672 4959

# JOB

Person wanted to develop the campaign for a creche on the Aylesbury estate, SE17.

Experience of looking after children and/or campaigning (eg being involved in local action groups, tenants association, P.T.A.) red preferred.

Local people with children encouraged to apply. Could be shared by two people.

6 month contract (funded by Southwark Council), 36 hours, approx £100.

More info and application form from Carley or Caroline, 701 9010  
Pauline 703 5368

or write to Pauline Henry, Wellington Club, Inville Walk, Aylesbury Estate, SE17

Closing date 5th September 1983.

## JOB SHARE

A group of women wants to set up a JOB-SHARE PROJECT in the Southwark and Lewisham areas. They will work closely with local employers and unions to promote the idea of job-sharing as a positive alternative to exploitative part-time and home working.

Job sharing is a way of working part-time where a full-time job is shared. The hours, pay, holidays and benefits are divided between the workers. This flexible arrangement can be varied to suit the needs of the workers and the job.

The group of women say that they appreciate that job sharing is not likely to be taken up on a large scale, but they want to see it promoted as an option which allows disadvantaged groups such as one parent families and disabled people access to better jobs.

They want to emphasize their total opposition to "Job-splitting". There has been some confusion between job sharing and job-splitting. Job-splitting is the Government's financial inducement to employers to split full time jobs into part time jobs, to be offered only to the registered unemployed and excluding married women. This is clearly an attempt to lower the unemployment figures, a "two for the price of one" formula offering part time work to people with full time jobs.

To find out more about job sharing, go to the public meetings: speakers from Hackney Job-Share Project and New Ways to Work in Islington, video and exhibition, creche.

The two public meetings are to get a support group together and advise on setting up a job share project. If you are interested in the support group, contact the women at the Unemployed Centre on 703 9011, or ring Maggie Gardiner on 635 9356 or Trudy Davis on 732 2898.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Monday September 5th at 7.30 at The Unemployed Centre, 83 Peckham High St., SE15.

Wednesday September 14th at the Women's Employment Resource Centre, 179 Deptford High Street, SE8.

## UNION FACTSHEET

The **TRADE UNION SUPPORT UNIT** has produced a factsheet about the Government's proposed union legislation which outlines the proposals and their implications. Copies can be obtained from them at 42 Braganza Street, SE17. They will also help to organise speakers for meetings. There is a much more detailed pamphlet available from the Labour Research Dept. at 78 Blackfriars Road, SE1, 928 3649), and a TUC pamphlet called Hands Up For Democracy available from Congress House, Great Russell St., WC1B 3LS 636 4030

## SQUATTING

The Southwark Housing Committee on August 17th changed the policy on squatters.

The Council will now take all legal steps to get squatters out of their property.

Some squatters, of course, will be the Council's responsibility to re-house under the Homeless Persons Act.

More information on this from the SCVS Housing Advice Resource Unit, on 732 3649.

#### DESIGN SERVICE

Newly funded by the GLC is a Design Service - a free service to community organisations. They are at 106 Shakespeare Road, SE24, 735 9381 or 274 7700

## PUBLICATIONS

**SOUTHWARK DISABLEMENT ASSOCIATION** have produced a Handbook of Voluntary Clubs and organisations for disabled people in Southwark.

Available free from SDA, Room 48, Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham, Boyson Rd., SE 17 2BA 701 1391

#### LONDON ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

This is a new journal produced by the GLC. The Bulletin and its supplements will be appearing approximately four times a year. It is available free to people living in London, environmental and conservation groups and other interested agencies.

**NCVO Report on Voluntary action and antenatal health - HEALTH IN THE ROUND.**

£4.95 plus 62P P&P from: Macdonald and Evans Distribution Services Estover Road, Plymouth PL6 7PZ

**NOW OUT! NEW PUBLICATION!**

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#### SOUTHWARK TRADE UNION NEWS.

Copies from the T.U. Support Unit, 42, Braganza Street, SE 17 582 8555

#### A DIRECTORY OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS SECOND EDITION.

90p to existing subscribers  
£4.50 for new subscribers.  
Available from HARU at SCVS.

## TV Chance

The BBC's **Community programmes Unit** is always interested to hear from groups and organisations who would like to be featured in, or make a programme for, their Open Space Series.

You can get in touch with them at C.P.U., BBC TV, W12 8QT.

## Thames Day

This year's Thames Day is on September 10th. Festivities start at noon and continue to 10.30pm: boat races, water-skiing, parascending, lots of bands, fireworks etc.





# COURSES

## Accounts

Basic Book-keeping - Tuesday 25th Oct.  
10.00 to 4.00 - how to start and run a  
set of books.

Budgeting and Accounts - Fri. 21st Oct.  
10.00 to 4.00 - preparing accounts,  
budgeting, financial reports etc.

These courses are run by Community Work  
Service at LVSC, 54 Chalton St, NW1.

There may also still be some places left  
on the Budgeting and Accounts course on  
21st Sept.

For more information contact Ailsa  
on 388 0241

## Community work

## Ireland

NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDERSTANDING THE  
CONFLICT.

The W.E.A. have set up a 20 week course  
about Northern Ireland which will be on  
Wednesdays, 7.30 - 9.30 at Geoffrey  
Chaucer School. 75p for workers, 40p  
for pensioners, 20p for unemployed,  
financial help towards child-care.

Contact Nina Hutchinson or Ashy McKay,  
735 6123 (daytime)

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* TEENAGE INFORMATION NETWORK *
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* 102 Harper Road SE1        *
* Tel 403 2444                *
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* Monday 26th September 6.00 p.m. *
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## NEWSLETTER

### Race Equality & SCVS

About a year ago in the Newsletter we announced that SCVS was setting up a Working Party on race with a brief to issue guidelines on the elimination of racial discrimination in the employment of staff, initially within SCVS itself.

This working party has now reported to the Executive with a set of recommendations which have been accepted. The Working Party has also drawn up a set of guidelines on the selection and interviewing of the new staff and a means whereby this process can be monitored.

The recommendations, and how SCVS plans to implement these can be summarised as follows:

1. A race equality working group has been set up within SCVS with staff and Executive members to consider the recommendations, ensure the work involved in this is carried out and to make proposals to SCVS on ways forward.
2. SCVS hopes to encourage those member organisations which are predominantly white to adopt and implement an equal opportunity policy. In order

to do this the working group is planning to produce a pamphlet about the work SCVS has done so far on race equality, including the guidelines and monitoring procedures adopted. We see this as a way of sharing our experiences and hopefully getting some feedback from other voluntary organisations in Southwark doing similar work.

3. SCVS members and staff are planning to take part in racism awareness training.

4. SCVS will consider how it can become more accessible to organisations representing minority ethnic groups including looking at the material we put out and our general image.

5. That SCVS supports the Council's intentions to promote equal opportunities in its own employment practises.

6. Each Unit and Advisory Group in SCVS has been asked to look at its work in relation to race equality. This initiative which was started by ACTSS, the Trade Union, has proved very useful for SCVS, and we would be willing to share our experiences with other community & Voluntary groups in Southwark.

### INNER CITY CASH MAY BE HALVED

This was the headline in the Financial Times on 19th September, and it is obviously very worrying news indeed for the voluntary sector in Southwark. Urban Aid is a very important source of money, and many new good projects may stand no chance of funding if there is a severe cut in the Urban Programme.

SCVS staff and Executive are starting to think about how we can defend the voluntary sector in the context of cuts in Government spending, and how we can get across to the Govern-

ment that Southwark is a borough with a lot of needs, and should get more resources, not less. A working party has been set up to look at this - **if you want to join in, and/or have some ideas about what we should do then let SCVS know.**

We have already responded to the Financial Times article and will be suggesting ways in which voluntary organisations in Southwark can make their voice heard, in the next Newsletter - **watch this space.**





# UNITED NATIONS 22ND — 30TH OCTOBER

## SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER

10.15 for THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall Peckham Road, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Sam King, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony conducted in the Council Chamber by Cllr. M.M. Kalia, the Revd. G. O'Brien, Imam Khaja Qamaruddin, the Revd. R.S.J. Penrose, Miss Joan Rich, Bikhu T.T. Khan, and the Ven. Wilfred Wood. The Rt. Hon. Lady Ewart-Biggs will speak briefly on the work of the United Nations and invite questions. The Calvary Church of God in Christ Youth Choir will sing.

### FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF FUNDS

Offers of help (one or two hours) to Miss K.M. Caldin, 138 Woodwarde Rd SE22, (Tel 693 2452)

## SUNDAY 23rd. OCTOBER

10.a.m. PARISH MASS WITH PRESENTATION OF WORLD DEVELOPMENT THEMES. The congregation will be glad to welcome visitors, especially from overseas and for coffee afterwards. St Giles Church, Camberwell Church Street.

10.a.m. PARISH MASS FOR UNITED NATIONS WEEK Dialogue and exhibition, All welcome to tea afterwards. St Mary Newington Church, Kennington Park Road.

6.30.p.m. 'BREAKING BARRIERS': A UNITED SERVICE Preacher Miss Ruth Anstey, widely travelled in Third World countries. Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council. St Faiths Church, Red Post Hill.

## MONDAY 24th. OCTOBER UNITED NATIONS DAY

8 p.m. SPECIAL MEETING. Speaker: the Rt. Hon. Lord Ennals of Norwich. Arranged by Southwark/Dulwich branch of the United Nations Association. Dulwich Baths Reception Hall (entrance from Crystal Palace Road.

## TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER

6.30.p.m. 'UTOPIA Ltd.' food, health, energy, arms, in the world family A viewers group to watch and discuss the Channel 4 series. Arranged by the South London International Broadcasting Trust Committee. Christchurch Rectory, 49 Colombo Street.

7.30.p.m. MASS AND CANDLELIT VIGIL FOR WORLD PEACE. Preacher: the Revd. Canon Paul Oestreicher. St Antony's Church, Carden Road, Nunhead.

## THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER

7.45.p.m. INTERNATIONAL TASTE-IN: another evening with food from other countries. Theme: Fight for Health. Dr. Richard Rowland, from Rwanda, Central Africa: illustrated talk. Tickets 50p. from local churches or at the door, or telephone 274 5747. United Reform Church Hall, Red Post Hill Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council.

## FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

7.00.p.m. ONE WORLD IN SOUTHWARK AND NEWINGTON: a do-it-ourselves for others evening in world awareness Drama, music, song, dance and discussions; bring your own contributions, and food to share. (drink provided). Arranged by North Southwark parishes. Christchurch, 27 Blackfriars Rd.

8.00.p.m. SOCIAL EVENING. Tickets may be purchased in advance from SCCR, 352 Camberwell New Road, SE5. Tel. 274 8793. Arranged by Southwark Council for Community Relations.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE LESS C  
The week is also One World Week at the

PLEASE HELP TO PUBLICISE THE ABOVE EVENT

# IONS WEEK OCTOBER 1983



## SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. ONE WORLD HEALTH FAIR: displays workshops and audio-visual presentations, exploring links between issues here and in the Third World. Creche available. Arranged by Southwark World Development Group. Pitt Street Settlement, Camden Estate, Peckham (entrance from Commercial Way or Peckham High Street).

2.15 p.m. to 8 p.m. 'THE UNITED NATIONS AND YOU': music, films, dance and drama for one world - to explore the cultures of many lands. The Bishop of Kingston; Mrs. Myriel Davies, London Regional Officer, U.N.A.; the Revd. Dr. Samuel Van Culin, Secretary General of the Worldwide Anglican Consultative Council. Bring food to share, drink provided. Arranged by Southwark Action for World Development. Southwark Cathedral.

## SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

10.30 a.m. UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at the Copleston Centre Church (formerly St. Saviour's), Copleston Road. Conducted by the Revd. Cecil Heatley and the Revd. Ken Anderson, assisted by the Revd. G. O'Brien. Preacher: the Revd. Paul Oestreicher, Canon of Southwark and Assistant General Secretary of the British Council of Churches. The Service will be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, the Mayoress, Members of the Council, representatives of local organisations, and Southwark Music. Tea and coffee will be available after the service.

6.30 p.m. 'BREAKING BARRIERS' Ecumenical Service. Preacher; the Revd. Charles Walker. United Reform Church, East Dulwich Grove.

## THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Photoposters illustrating some aspects of the work of the United Nations will be on display at the Town Hall; Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane; Bermondsey Library, Spa Road; Camberwell Church Street Library; Social Services Office, 29 Camberwell Road; Abbey National Building Society, 97 Rye Lane; Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane; Abbey National Building Society, 351 Walworth Road; Trustee Savings Bank, 267 Southwark Park Road.

Exhibition on India. Until November 11th. Weekdays (not Wednesday), 9.30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Arranged by the South London Asian Youth Association). Junior Library, North Peckham Civic Centre, 600 Old Kent Road.

Third World Exhibition. October 23rd.-29th. Southwark Cathedral. Arranged by Southwark Action for World Development.

Exhibition of Afro-Caribbean Arts and Crafts. Minimal charge for entry. 69 Peckham High Street. Arranged by the Pan-African Association.

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For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week programme, please contact the Information Office, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. (tel. 703 6311). In view of financial stringency, the Borough Council is not publishing the separate programme of events this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Hon. Secretary of the local branch; Mrs. E.A.J. George, 15 Gilkes Crescent, SE21.

LESS OTHERWISE STATED  
the Week of Prayer for World Peace.

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# JOBS

## NUNHEAD FAMILIES UNLIMITED

needs a Playleader, to run 5 sessions a week with 1½ - 4 year olds. Parental involvement is important. Minimum 2 years experience in playgroup or creche, preferably in a community setting. Playleader qualification essential NNEB preferred.

£65-£69 per week for 17 hours. Nunhead FUN is a small, new community group working in a multi-racial area of Peckham.

Please write for information and application from, before 6th October, to Nunhead FUN, Consort Road Clinic, Consort Road, London SE15.

Fast developing Community Centre requires second community worker. Borough Community Centre is a locally managed project in North Southwark, which has recently been funded by Southwark Council to develop the use of the Centre with, and on behalf of the community in the Borough area.

Salary scale 6 - £9288 inclusive of London Weighting.

For job description and application form, please write or telephone to Linda Kerley, Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1. Closing date October 3rd. Tel. 928 6476.

## CND March & Rally

CND are having a national march and rally, on Saturday, October 22nd. Assemble 11am, Victoria Embankment.

Southwark Playgrounds Association want a worker to service the Southwark Playground Trust and support playground workers.

10 hours per week, salary £1,800. Contact Gerry Williams, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5 Tel. 703 5025

London Voluntary Service Council (LVSC) is a central resource for voluntary organisations and community groups in Greater London; it aims to lead, support and link them in their work.

LVSC requires:

1. Director - responsible for overall running of the agency. Salary £15,000, closing date October 21st.
2. Executive Secretary, with interest in health and social welfare; to be personal assistant to the General Secretary; organise central office work; must have first class secretarial skills. Salary £7,500.
3. Administrative Officer, with sound administrative and typing skills. Salary on scale £5355 - £6802 + London Weighting. Closing date October 10th.
4. Course administrator/information worker to produce directory of training courses for LVSC's Community Work Service. Need to have high standard of typing, interest in community work, administrative skills - 24½ hours per week - salary on scale £5355 - £6802 +L.W.(pro rata). Closing date October 7th.

Details: LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 Tel. 388 0241

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SOUTHWARK LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY.



## **SOUTH LONDON WOMEN'S HOSPITAL**

This hospital treated 45,000 out-patient women and 5,000 in-patients in 1981; the day-care abortion unit helped 452 women that year. Unless the government steps in, the Wandsworth District Health Authority will close the hospital on 1st April 1984.

The closure will affect many women in Southwark and the Campaign is asking all women to write **urgently** to:

Rt Hon. Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Health, D.H.S.S., Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, London SE 1

For more details, contact the campaign: Wandsworth Community Health, 1 Balham Station Road, Sw 12 9SG tel: 673 3820

## **ST. OLAVE'S**

The Campaign reminds readers that **St Olave's Hospital is not closed.** The following clinics are all available, and apart from gynaecology and rheumatology, there are **no waiting lists**:

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| General Medicine  | Surgery               |
| Diabetics         | Gynaecology           |
| Urology           | Ear Nose & Throat     |
| Children's Clinic | Skin                  |
| Chest             | Eye Clinic & Optician |
| Foot Clinic       | Psychiatry            |

If you live in the area, and want to save St Olave's, ask your G.P. to refer you there for any of the services above.

The Campaign is asking supporters to raise the issue in community groups, trade unions, Tenants Associations etc, to attend public meetings, to distribute posters or badges, to help with the lobbying or assist with fundraising. If you want to help, contact: **St Olave's Hospital Campaign, 190 Southwark Park Road, tel: 231 0916/7**

## **New SCVS member**

The Womens United Cultural Group, a group of single black women with children, have just become members. They have premises on the North Peckham Estate, which is used as a creche and to run literacy and numeracy classes. They hope also to raise money

for holidays out of London

## **Southwark Women's Action Group**

There will be an open meeting to launch S.W.A.G. On **Wednesday 26th October 6.00pm - 8.00pm.** (The same week as the TUC Women's Action Day on Saturday 29th).

No venue fixed yet, ring SCVS later. There will be a speaker, entertainment and a creche.

SWAG is applying for money for two workers and a bus for a mobile womens centre. If you would be interested in becoming part of a management group for this project, contact SWAG c/o SCVS and come to the meeting on 24th. They want as many women in the Borough as possible to attend.

## **Creche kit**

Southwark Women's Action Group have a creche-kit which is available to community groups for loan. It is based at SCVS.

There are 3 main packs: 0-3 years, 3-5yrs and 5 years upwards. The packs consist of a set of bags so parts of the kit can be chosen depending on the needs of the group. The whole creche-kit will get into the back of a car. If you want to use it, please phone Veronica Ward at SCVS to book a time to collect it. We are charging £5 or a donation if any group cannot afford £5.00.

## **PLAY on Housing Estates**

A day conference on Play on Housing Estates happens on Saturday, 8th October, at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, from 10.30 - 3.30.

For further details ring Jenny Williams at SCVS on 732 3731.

## **Parkinson's Disease**

The Parkinsons Disease Society proposes to form a new local branch in Southwark.

Sharon Chandler is acting as a local convenor and would welcome enquiries from anyone interested to help. She would particularly like to hear from people with Parkinsons Disease, their relatives and friends.

She can be contacted at the Lister Health Centre 1 Camden Square, SE15. Tel. 701 6291



## Docklands Grants

For organisations operating in the London Docklands Development Corporation's (LDDC) area of Southwark's docklands:

### 1. Next year

The LDDC are now inviting voluntary organisations and community groups to apply for grants for the next financial year (ie from April 1984). You can apply for large or small sums, capital (such as equipment, purchase/repair of premises) or revenue (including general running costs and salaries).

The money available is about the same amount as last year (ie about £170,000 in total for Southwark), so demand will be high.

If your group is currently getting money from the LDDC, you need to apply again for next year.

Details and application forms from: Harold Young, LDDC, West India House, Millwall Dock, London E14.

Applications must be in by **21st October**.

### 2 This Year

The LDDC has a sum set aside for small, one-off grants for this year. (eg for general running costs, items and equipment).

If you want to apply, do so by letter to Harold Young, LDDC, straight away. If you need any help/advice, ring Jane Belman at SCVS.

## Council Consultation

Consultation between the Council and the Voluntary Sector: the discussion document.

As we said in the last newsletter, we decided against trying to hold a hurried meeting in mid-September on issues which need a lot of discussion. Instead SCVS staff hope to talk to a number of voluntary organisations over the next 6 months. If your organisation would like to discuss consultation - particularly monitoring and a possible permanent joint consultation structure, please let us know.

## CHAIRS

SCVS has 50 very dirty stacking chairs - if interested, ring Gillie on 732 3731.

## EVENTS

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LONDON - THE FUTURE

The Government proposes that control of London Transport should be removed from the GLC and a new transport authority set up to replace the London Transport Executive.

LVSC Community Work Service is having a meeting to discuss the likely effects of these proposals; what the GLC is doing about it; and what action community groups might take around the issue of effective public transport for London.

Monday, October 10th, 2.30 - 4.30pm, 54 Chilton Street, NW1.

Details/background papers from Tim Young or Inge Shepherd, on 388 0241.

### MENTAL HEALTH IN OLD AGE

Day conference - October 18th, 10-4pm, King George VI club, Coldharbour Lane, SE5. Organised by Age Concern (Lambeth and Southwark) and Camberwell Community Health Council.

Aim is for those involved in planning, delivering and receiving a service to meet and discuss problems, issues, ways forward.

### TUC WOMEN'S ACTION DAY

October 29th is TUC Women's Action Day. Planned local events so far include Women's Health Day, Bells Gardens Youth Centre, Peckham, 12 - 7pm, Oct.29th; exhibition on workplace nurseries and childcare in Guy's Hospital.

For more information on events, or if you want to be involved in planning activities, ring Liz Caulfield - 407 407 5522 x7177; or Kate Bennett - 582 8555.

## Samaritans

The local branch of the Samaritans needs more volunteers, especially people who have a few hours to spare in the daytime. They run regular information meetings and volunteers attend a series of preparation classes. On October 15th, they are holding a special Information Day in Blackheath (with two showings of the Samaritan film, a discussion and free coffee).

The Information Day is at St. Mary's Church Hall, Cresswell Park, Blackheath SE3, from 10.30am - 4pm. Everyone will be most welcome. Or write/ring the Samaritans at 362 New Cross Road, SE14. Tel.692 5228.

Come to Lewisham Community Health Council's meeting on Tuesday October 4th at 7.30pm at 13 Catford Broadway, SE6.



SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

needs an ADMINISTRATIVE WORKER

to be part of a team of 3. SCVS is involved in helping community groups and voluntary organisations in Southwark. The work is very varied. The Administrators run the office for a staff of 15, as well as contributing to the work of the CVS. This worker will have special responsibility for reception, stationery and office equipment. This includes showing visitors how to make leaflets and newsletters, so experience with duplicators and other office machines is necessary. Good typing and presentation and an outgoing personality are all essential.

Salary £5,550 p.a. for 24 hours a week

We positively encourage applications from black people and from women. Southwark is a multi-racial area and applicants should have experience of living/working in such a community. Local applicants particularly welcome.

SCVS aims to be an equal opportunities employer.

Closing date 28th October 1983. Please write for information and application forms to SCVS - Ref. A/W, 135 Rye Lane, London SE15

# inner-city cash may be halved

By Robin Pauley

THE GOVERNMENT'S urban programme, which directs cash to the most deprived and decayed areas of Britain's inner cities, could face a cut of 50 per cent or more next year as part of the public expenditure cuts being sought by the Treasury. Regional aid and housing are also high on the Chancellor's list for cuts.

Any move to make such a drastic reduction in the level of Government help for areas such as Brixton, Toxteth, and Moss Side is certain to cause concern among the Government's supporters. Many of them have supported Mr Michael Heseltine's often-quoted opening sentence to his report after the 1981 riots: "It took a riot to make the Government take inner city problems seriously."

However, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor, feels that the early part of a Government's life is the time for tough cuts and that every possible economy will be needed to eliminate the £2.5bn of departmental over-bidding and help to keep next year's public expenditure planning total to £125.4bn.

The £450m urban programme could, therefore, be cut back to £250m or less. The cut might be easier to make in view of the fact that there is no indication of the views of Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, on inner urban problems; his predecessors, Mr Heseltine and Mr Tom King, both made their personal concern evident.

The Government's £500m of regional aid, channelled through the Industry Department, is also under pressure and scrutiny. There are suspicions, shared by the Prime Minister, that it might not be producing the best value for money.

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## Inner-city cash

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FINANCIAL  
TIMES  
19/9/83

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is faced with the task of achieving the £2.5bn in departmental cuts as well as considering future public spending totals and their implications for 1983-86 and beyond.

Mr Rees, unlike his predecessor Mr Leon Brittan, is meeting some difficulties in pressing his case, partly because Mr Brittan had more scope for milking the contingency reserve and allowing higher spending, while appearing to be maintaining planning totals.

But Mr Brittan also proved to be a very tough negotiator, settling up only one major deal in advance of the ministerial discussions. He allowed Mr Heseltine an extra £900m for local government spending in a return for a promise from Mr Heseltine that he would not argue in Cabinet for exemptions from penalty from councils

which were underspending one set of targets but overspending on another.

This year, Mr Lawson is taking a much greater interest in the detail of the public spending negotiations than did Sir Geoffrey Howe, which is causing Mr Rees some difficulty. Mr Rees had arranged a deal with

Mr Ian Gow, the Housing Minister, under which some housing expenditures would be cut but other proposals would be allowed. The Chancellor intervened, stopped the deal and sent Mr Rees back to tell the Housing Department that negotiations would have to start again.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

You will see on the front of the Newsletter reference to this article in the Financial Times. The working group of SCVS Executive and staff decided to ask you to read the article and ask you if you can make a response NOW to the implications of such a cut. Please write to your MP at the House of Commons and to the Minister, Patrick Jenkin especially if your project is likely to be affected in the future by such a cut.

The address of the Minister is:

MR. Patrick Jenkin MP, Secretary of State, Department of the Environment,  
Marshall Street, SW1.

We suggest you might like to write a letter along the following lines:-

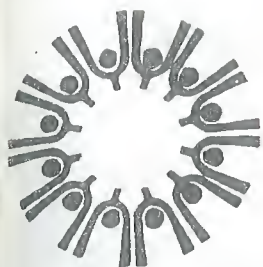
We are very concerned in Southwark about the effect such a cut will have on existing and new voluntary organisations. Traditional Urban Aid is an extremely important source of money to the voluntary sector in Southwark which has already suffered a reduction in these resources. The Traditional Urban Programme was cut by £5m on the previous years allocation and 55% of the money went to Shire Counties for which this money was not originally intended. ( In 1968 when the programme was set up for Inner Cities 34 Authorities applied, last year 203 applied.) Consequently only 7 projects in Southwark ( all of them voluntary organisations ) were funded compared to 16 the year before. At the same time 52 organisations submitted applications for very worthwhile and much needed projects including many from ethnic minority groups. Southwark is placed 10th out of 401 Local Authorities in terms of deprivation in the DoE survey of the '81 census return.

We have therefore been very alarmed by this report which seems to run counter to Mr. Jenkin's own statements. On June 17th (DoE Press Notice 245 ) he said, " I intend to implement the Conservative Manifesto commitment which reads, ' we shall encourage greater opportunity for all those who live in our inner cities, including our ethnic minorities...we shall continue to give priority to the areas most in need. ' . That will be my policy and my personal commitment."





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## NEWSLETTER

### CUTS GROUP CAMPAIGN

As we write, final discussions are taking place in the government on budgets for each Department.

The SCVS Working Group against Cuts in Government Expenditure has already written to many MPs and members of the House of Lords, and Patrick Jenkin (Secretary of State for the Environment) and Peter Walker (Secretary for Energy) to protest about the proposed 50% cut in the Urban Programme reported in the Financial Times.

After reporting the proposals in the last SCVS newsletter, we got a letter published in the Financial Times the following Saturday.

We have also been in touch with Councils of Voluntary Service in other inner city areas and the NCVO Inner City Unit will be featuring our campaign in their next newsletter.

Southwark Council is raising the issue with the Association of Metropolitan Authorities at our request. As you will know, we have circulated all Urban Aided projects in the borough asking them to emphasise to Patrick Jenkin the importance of additional Urban Aid for their own work.

If you have not already written to your MP and to the Secretary of State Patrick Jenkin please do so - QUICKLY. It is very important that the government gets a strong message now that cutting Urban Aid is not acceptable.

Inner city areas are being badly hit already by cuts. Urban Aid is a small sum of money for the government - but for Southwark it has been a major source of funds for voluntary organisations

### THEM AND US working with LBS

The Council circulated a consultation paper, "The Relationship between Southwark Council and the Voluntary Sector", for comment in summer 1983. SCVS organised two general meetings to discuss the sections on **Procedure for Grant Aid, Criteria Priorities, Funding and Monitoring.**

It was agreed that the section on **Joint Working** should be given longer for consultation because of implications for setting up new structures and committees.

The proposals in the consultation document are:

- 1) co-option of non-statutory reps onto the Council's Service Committees;
- 2) A new Council Standing Committee representing the non-statutory sector borough-wide;
- 3) a Joint Working Party with membership drawn equally from the Council and non-statutory sectors
- 4) a subcommittee for each Service Committee, to meet when necessary to deal with matters relating to the non-statutory sector.

SCVS fieldworkers have been finding out about Joint Working Parties as they happen in Lewisham and Greenwich; and about the different ways in which consultation already takes place in this borough. We have essentially a decentralised model involving many more people.

SCVS is now planning to visit 60 groups to talk about the various models proposed in the Council paper. These groups will represent as many different types of organisation and area as possible. In this way they hope to get a wider range of opinions that they'd get from public meetings. All groups will be sent any information that is prepared. Anyone that would like to discuss the proposals will be visited if they contact SCVS.

This is only a first step. The results of the visits will be sent to you.

SCVS would like to use the visit to discuss, as well, groups' views on monitoring, and the SCVS work on equal opportunities in employment.



## SQUATTERS

Our last newsletter reported that Southwark's Housing Committee had decided to take all legal steps to evict squatters from Council property.

Since then, however, an instruction has been sent to Council officers telling them not to carry out this decision.

The Chair and Director of Housing decided to do this because the Labour Group of the Council then decided to evict **anti-social** squatters and to use "Protected Intending Occupier" notices once more in some cases. Their decision, however, will not become council policy until the Labour Group has consulted with the Local Government Committee of the Labour Party.

The effect of all this is that for the time being the Council's Housing Department should be acting no differently now towards squatters than they did before the August Housing Committee.

### POP-IN

Age Concern  
invite you to the new  
Camberwell Pop-In

at  
King George VI Club, 67 Crawford Rd.  
opening Monday 31st October  
10.30 to 3.00 Monday to Friday

## DEFEND OUR NHS

The North Southwark and Lewisham Health Emergency Campaign is fighting NHS cuts in the N. Southwark and Lewisham Health District. Details of their activities from the Trade Union Support Unit, 42 Braganza St., SE17. 582 8555.

Action against the cuts in **Camberwell Health District** are being discussed at a meeting on October 28th. It is likely that a campaign will be set up. Details in our next newsletter or from the Trade Union Support Unit.

## HOMeworkERS ACTION GROUP

- \* Campaigning for better pay, conditions for homeworkers

Southwark Homeworkers Action Group is open to all Southwark homeworkers or ex-homeworkers.

- \* campaigning for better pay and conditions
- \* meet other homeworkers
- \* advice and information
- \* developing alternatives to homeworking.

Details from Eileen at the SCVS Employment Unit - 732 9777.

## SIDESHOW

**SIDESHOW** provides dramatic performances and participation in ILEA schools. The company is based in Southwark.

They now offer workshops and performances to local youth groups as well. One-off performances cost £65, but Sideshow think that groups would benefit more from working on a regular basis with Sideshow in a workshop situation. They say that workshops help develop self-awareness and confidence, and greater awareness of issues such as housing, unemployment, attitudes to race, etc.

Fees for workshops are negotiable, depending on number of sessions booked and also number of children expected to attend, but there is a minimum charge of £25.

For further details or suggestions ring 299 2324

## Housekeepers Wanted

Caring housekeepers required for group homes for single lonely people of all ages in Camberwell and Kennington. Cooking, cleaning, rent collection, support for residents, etc. £43.60 & meals and self-contained accommodation. Details from Carr-Gomm Society, 237 2318. Closing date Nov. 7.

## COURSE

If you have little or no knowledge of computers and want to know more, come to this informal session on **computers - what they are, and what they can and cannot do**. Led by a speaker from the Community Information Project, this session is particularly useful for advice centre workers, and will cover the use of computers in advice centres - but everyone is welcome.

Thursday November 17th at 10.00 a.m. at the Copleston Centre, Copleston Rd, SE15. Details from Jane Belman at SCVS.

## Xmas alone?

Will you be on your own on Christmas Day?

If so, the People Care Association invite you to spend it with them. Plenty of food - good entertainment - transport if necessary. They also need helpers and drivers with cars.

Details from PCA, 130 Peckham Hill St., SE15; 703 7641 (after 4 p.m.).

## PLAY ON ESTATES

There is a desperate need to provide better play facilities and opportunities for children living on housing estates in Southwark. This was the theme of a day conference on **play** on October 8th organised jointly by the Working Party on Play and Southwark Council. Over two-thirds of Southwark children - about 28,000 - live on estates where play opportunities are very limited and children's activities all too often lead to vandalism and conflict with adults.

The conference was ably chaired by Tony Ritchie, Chair of the Housing Committee, who gave his full support to efforts to improve play facilities on housing estates. Many speakers gave accounts of what happens in other areas.

The conference pointed out:

- \* the need for greater imagination and commitment from a variety of departments to find money to create a play environment on estates.

- \* the need for a play policy adopted by all Council departments.

- \* the need for close consultation with local residents and children in detailed planning and even construction of those facilities.

- \* the use of rooms and flats on estates for young children. The use of mobile play facilities, such as play buses and lorries, which are as useful as a short-term facility, where there is little space or to spark off interest in play.

- \* the need for a resource such as a Play Association in Southwark to support and help co-ordinate initiatives for play in Southwark.

A paper summarising the issues raised at the conference will be available shortly.

The Working Party on Play thanks Councillor Tony Ritchie for chairing the conference, Councillor Graeme Geddes and the Community Affairs Committee for funding it, and Vicky Maxwell and the Town all staff, porters and caterers.  
Hall staff, porters and caterers.

## ARTSLINE

Artsline is a telephone advice service for people with disabilities and special needs. It can advise on what's on in London; access to buildings and events; and transport. Artsline also provides help for people who want to become actively involved with the arts.

Ring 625 5666/7 from Tuesday to Friday between 12 and 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 to 2. They are at 48 Boundary Rd, NW8.

## CARE & SHARE

The Association of Carers is interested in the needs of people whose lives are restricted by having to look after someone who can't look after themselves. They now have person for 1 year the Dulwich area. She can talk about the service the Association can offer carers, and is also interested in talking to the carers about **their** needs. Contact Sharon Bonny, c/o Social Services, 47b East Dulwich Road, SE22 on 693 3399 ext. 233.

**Caring for a relative at home?** Then try "Age in Mind's" Relative Support Group on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., or call in Monday to Fridays between 10.30 and 2.30. Age in Mind is at 3, The Parade, Felbridge House, Dog Kennel Hill, SE22.

SOVA (the Society of Voluntary Associates) need volunteers to work with young people between 10 and 17 who are facing difficulties or "at risk". Volunteers may:

- \* befriend a young person
  - \* share a skill, interest or hobby
  - \* help run a variety of groups - based on an interest, or intensive support groups.
- Volunteers are supported by professionals in this work, and receive expenses. SOVA runs short preparatory courses for volunteers, holds regular seminars and publishes a newsletter.

Details from SOVA, 240 Clapham Rd, SW9, 735 4421.

## COMING ELECTION

There will soon be elections for **voluntary agency representatives** for the two local Community Health Councils - **Camberwell CHC** and **Lewisham and North Southwark CHC**.

Start thinking of people you want to nominate. If your group wants to take part in the election, vote, or nominate anyone, you need to be approved by the Regional Health Authority. If your group is already a member of SCVS you will normally be automatically eligible (except that political parties and other groups defined as political by the Health Authority are not eligible).

## SMALL GRANTS

Money is being made available to community groups in Southwark by the Council's Community Affairs Committee for the second time this year. There is £8,500 available to give in one-off grants - no single grant will normally be more than £1000.

The closing date for returning the application forms is Friday 9th December. You can get forms to apply from the Co-ordination Group at the Town Hall in Peckham Road, on 703 6311 ext. 2251. If you would like to apply and want advice. contact the Council's Community Development Officers at the Town Hall on ext. 2260/2084.



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South London Legal Action Group programme

The Problem of Childsnatching - November 16th

To be announced - December 14th

Dealing with Fuel Debts - January 18th

AGM - February 15th

Mental Health Act - February 15th

The South London Legal Action Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clapham Community Centre, Venn St, Clapham at 8.00. Details from Monica Payne (w) 579 5555 (h) 540 0757, or Tim Powell (w) 852 9344 (h) 639 2735.

## FREE DECO

It is Southwark Council's policy to redecorate for Council tenants who are elderly, sick or disabled or on low incomes entirely free. Other tenants are supposed to receive a grant towards costs.

Springboard Southwark offer to decorate free of charge, except for the cost of materials. They do premises for community groups, and offer to do the homes of people who are elderly, sick, disabled or disadvantaged. This seems to be a good service for people who rent their homes privately or live in a home they own themselves. It would be better to be absolutely sure whether the Council has the duty to decorate for other people before letting them in for paying for even the cost of materials

Contact Mike on 639 5203.

To discuss the future use of the Thomas Calton School Annexe in Choumert Road, SE15.

Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30  
Choumert Road Building, SE15

Peter Clyne, Assistant Education Officer, Community Education and Careers, will be at the meeting to explain ILEA's ideas for community use of the building. All interested community groups are welcome to attend.

**Bermondsey Forum** is a regular meeting for people who live and work in Bermondsey. It is concerned with local needs and issues. In the past it has been involved with setting up the Southwark Community Alarm Partnership Scheme and Bermondsey Elderly Support Team.

It is also concerned about homelessness, policing and cuts to the Fire Brigade, redevelopment, lack of tenants' halls, flooding and many other issues

The meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 at the Social Services office at 283 Tooley St. Details from Lil Patrick, 5 Lewes Ho., Druid Street, SE1.

## want to know

who owns a building you've seen?  
how to get planning permission?  
is the area zoned for housing or business?  
how much does it cost to rent?

The Town Hall should be able to give you the answers. Ring 703 6311 and ask for "Development Control". If you still need help, don't hesitate to let SCVS fieldworkers know.

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## NEWSLETTER

### CUTS THREATEN COMMUNITY

The funding of voluntary and community organisations is under severe threat. A whole battery of cuts are being implemented now or are planned for the future:

- \* Urban Aid
- \* Abolition of the GLC - implications for funding voluntary groups
- \* Block grant cuts to LBS
- \* NHS Cuts

We survey some of these developments and look at what can be done to fight back.

#### URBAN AID CUT

It has now been announced that the Urban Programme will have the same level of funding in 84/5 as it had in 83/4. Although this is a cut in real terms it is still better than the cut to 50% which was rumoured in Treasury leaks.

The change did not happen by chance. We in Southwark were very active in campaigning. We were surprised that national voluntary organisations and those in many other areas did not seem to be reacting as vigorously. By putting work into the campaign we ourselves managed to elicit letters of support from MPs in other parts of the country. To date 49 MPs have signed an Early Day Motion on the Urban Programme which was tabled by Harriet Harman and Simon Hughes.

#### THANKS

We have found out that our campaign contributed to a large extent to the allocation being at the present level. So, **thanks very much** to all organisations which wrote to Patrick Jenkin and their MPs. This really was worthwhile. Thank you also for letting us know you had written. This was itself very useful to the campaign.

However, all is not over on Urban Aid yet. At best with the present allocation, as with last year, only a small number of organisations will be

funded through urban aid from 1984. We still have to ensure:

- a) that more resources come to Southwark.
- b) that the allocation of Traditional Urban Aid within the total Urban Programme allocation remains the same or is increased.
- c) that **inner city areas** get most of the resources. We do not believe that 50% of traditional urban aid should be going to Shire counties.

If you have not already written, could your organisation write **quickly** to your MP and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Patrick Jenkin, emphasising the importance of traditional Urban Aid and making the above points. The address of the D o E is 2, Marsham Street, SW1.

#### GLC ABOLITION

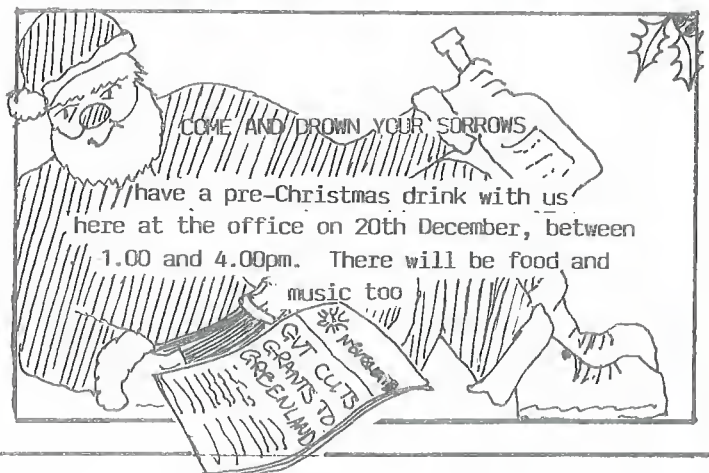
GLC ABOLITION - some implications for voluntary organisations

See insert on planned meeting.

The government plans to abolish the GLC and other metropolitan authorities. Functions will be transferred to Boroughs or joint boards, not directly elected. In the case of transport there will be a non-elected holding company.

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#### XMAS PARTY





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This means:

- \* The loss of a directly elected body to deal with London-wide issues This is a grave threat to democracy
- \* the end of cheap fares, e.g. for the elderly
- \* grants to voluntary organisations will be solely the responsibility of already hard pressed boroughs
- \* Voluntary organisations will find it difficult to obtain grants for issues that need looking at on a London-wide basis - a strategic approach will be difficult
- \* Reductions of rates will reduce resources overall
- \* No co-ordinated strategic planning.

#### DEFENDING LONDON

The Association of London Authorities, set up by 12 London Councils have put together a Defend London Charter, to highlight the effect on essential services if threatened cuts are made. All Londoners are asked to sign this charter which demands:-

- \* more and better homes
- \* that decisions on levels of service continue to be made by locally elected representatives on Borough Councils and the GLC
- \* an end to all government interference in local democracy and penalties on local spending
- \* a fair share of national resources so that rates can be kept down.
- \* good Health Care and an end to the cuts in the NHS
- \* a police force accountable to the community it serves
- \* an integrated transport system under full democratic control
- \* a good education service with no cuts in spending
- \* equality of opportunity for all Londoners

## BLOCK GRANT CUTS

The government has been trying to curb local government spending in a variety of ways since 1979, by setting targets, and penalising those authorities which 'overspend' these targets. Penalties involve reducing the amount of direct grant (rate support grant) local authorities get from the Government, according to the amount by which they exceed government limits. Many inner city authorities such as Southwark, find that they can only meet government targets by cutting services, so they have spent more than the limit, losing rate support grant in the process. They have had to increase rates to pay for services, and compensate for the loss of rate support grant.

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The Government now wants to force 'high spending' authorities to cut spending by rate capping from April '85

Any cuts the Council has to make has implications for future funding of voluntary organisations because the Council may have to look at where they can make cuts across the board. See enclosed letter to Alan Davis and discussion about what voluntary organisations should be doing at this stage

## NHS CUTS

Cuts which the government are trying to impose will have appalling results in Southwark.

There are two District Health Authorities in Southwark - North Southwark and Lewisham DHA and Camberwell DHA. In North Southwark the cuts would mean the loss of 180 beds and 237 jobs. This is in addition to the closing of St Olaves out-patients.

The District is being ordered to cut its budget of £98m by nearly £1m when it really needs extra funds of £0.6m to keep up with new drugs, new technology and the fact that people are living longer. It has been estimated that the NHS needs to grow by 0.7% each year just to cope with the growing number of old people.

In Camberwell District the new cuts amount to £½m. on top of cuts imposed earlier this year. 126 jobs are at risk and the District is already short of 91 beds for the elderly and 40 for the mentally ill.

In both areas "Health Emergency" campaigns have been formed to fight the cuts and the privatisation of services and health care. These are the aims of the Camberwell Health Emergency Campaign:

- \* We believe that the N.H.S. should be free at the time of use and funded by general taxation; this is the most appropriate form of health care for the population, and has been until cutbacks, the most successful health service in the world.
- \* We believe that the NHS must be a well funded service.
- \* We are opposed to the cuts in spending which end in reduced patient care or quality of care. The service needs expanding, not reducing.
- \* We oppose all proposals that will reduce the overall number of Health Service Staff.
- \* We call for fair pay and conditions for Staff.

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# NEWS SHORTS

## WANTED - Tribunal Representatives

Southwark Concil has set up an arbitration system for when there are disputes between a tenant and the Council where either side has broken the tenancy agreement. These disputes can be heard by an Arbitration Tribunal, whose decision is binding. The tribunals consist of a tenant's rep, a councillor, and an independent representative.

Southwark wants people willing to serve on tribunals as the independent representative. Southwark Council tenants or councillors are not eligible. Details from Jane Belman, SCVS or ring 703 6311, extension 2220

## NEW SCVS MEMBER

Creative Arts has just become a member of SCVS. This group aims to encourage artistic skills, and promote exhibitions of work by people from ethnic minorities in Southwark. It has already held 3 exhibitions in southwark, and plan more in the New Year. They also plan to run workshops for young people, and in the long run; set up an arts centre. Contact Donovan 735 3421.

## NORTH SOUTHWARK BEREAVEMENT CARE ASSOCIATION

The Bereavement Care Association is a small organisation which offers one to one counselling for people having difficulties in adjusting to a bereavement. Their services are about to expand their service and they are looking for people who might be trained as bereavement counsellors. A training course will begin in March 1984 but before that there will be a selection procedure. For more information send s.a.e. to North Southwark Bereavement Care Assoc., c/o Holy Trinity Rectory, Merrick Square, SE1 4JB.

## SOUTHWARK TRANSPORT CAMPAIGN

The Transport campaign has regretfully reached the conclusion that because of lack of support, they will have to disband. There will therefore be no further meetings until **Monday 30th January** when members will gather at the Lord Lindhurst. Roy Webb (701 1038) now has the information they have acquired and it will be proposed that any money remaining in the account go to the 'Save GLC Campaign'. Other suggestions also welcome. Correspondence to Tom Howdle, 78 Lyndhurst Way SE15

## PLANNING AID FOR LONDONERS

Planning Aid for Londoners offers advice to individuals and groups. They will answer questions on planning permission and help people with applications or appeals. They will also help people with suggestions on how to use vacant sites.

Their address is Planning Aid for Londoners, 26 Portland Place, London W1N Tel 580 2717 (24 hour emergency service).

## BABYSITTING ALLOWANCES

The following Council Committees all now pay babysitting allowances for people attending their meetings: Establishment, Community Affairs, Race Equality, Jobs and Industry, Finance and Admin, and Womens Committees. Social Services, Housing and Public Services Committees have made no decision as yet. Planning and Amenities Committees have it for future agendas.

## FREE PAINT FROM DULUX

Dulux is again giving away £40,000 worth of paint to community projects. Phone 836 6677 for details

## SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

The next General Meeting will take place on **Thursday 8th December at 7 30 pm**

at Pennock Estate Tenants Hall. (Take 63 bus to St George's Way.) The Hall is to the north of the toilets opposite the Willowbrook Estate.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME

## CAMBERWELL POP-IN

Age Concern has opened a new pop-in centre at King George VI Club, 67 Crawford Road, Camberwell.

The pop-in is open from 10.30am-3pm, Monday to Friday. A set meal is available from 12 to 2pm each day and drinks and refreshments can be had all day.

Age Concern also promises 'sing-a-longs' and armchair exercises, as well as information and advice.

## CHRISTMAS LINE

Christmas Line is a telephone information service to help people find out what is happening locally over Christmas. It is aimed at people who will be lonely or alone at this time.

Christmas Line is being 'run' by Capital Radio, London Weekend Television and Thames Television, in co-operation with the National Federation of Community Organisations. A telephone number-which has not yet been announced-will be available for people to phone between December 24th-27th.

Christmas Line want to know what events are going on in the community-organised by community groups, TAs, or churches-to build up their lists. They want the information by December 9th.

Volunteers are also needed to help answer the phones during December 24th-27th, even if only for a few hours.

The people to contact are Nigel Tarling at Christmas Line, PO Box 4TD, London W1A 4DT tel:388 9546 or Nicky Boella on 388 1288 ext3713



## URBAN AID FINAL LIST

The final list of projects submitted by Southwark Council to the Department of Environment under traditional Urban Aid is as follows - in order of priority:

1. Black Elderly Group - establishment of centre.
2. WACAT - Walworth and Aylesbury Community Arts Trust.
3. East Dulwich Community Nursery
4. Mama Yeabu - black womens action.
5. Housing Advice Resource Unit - time expired.
6. Play Development Worker for the Mentally Handicapped
7. Southwark Community Association Project - SCCR with the Dominican Progressive Charitable Ass.
8. Southwark Victim Support Scheme
9. Boermund Community Centre
10. New Peckham Mosque Centre
11. Tokei Martial Arts Centre - time expired.
12. St. Jude's Community Centre
13. Alcohol Recovery project - Outreach team.
14. Sojourner Truth Youth Ass. - Cultural Centre.
15. Muslim Community Centre - South East Muslim Ass..

The Bookplace which was originally prioritised has been assured that it will receive secure funding from Southwark Council. However, three other existing projects with staff whose grants run out in April '84 were not prioritised and their future at the time of writing remains uncertain. These organisations are:

Colombo Street Sports and Community Centre - a very important community resource in the north of the Borough.

Elephant Jobs and Bethwin Road Adventure Playground.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Southwark Police Monitoring Project is now at  
8 Camberwell Green, SE5

Tel: 703 1906/7

The workers are still Errol Reid and Derek Clerk

### COPELESTON CHRISTMAS

The Copleston Centre is organising Christmas Tea from 3 - 7pm on Christmas Day.

It is intended for people who are likely to be on their own over Christmas or in families who will need a break

The Centre needs to know who will be coming by Dec 7th. They also need volunteers to provide transport on Christmas Day.

If you would like to come, or know of someone who would like to, or if you can offer transport, ring Adelia or Diane on 639 8447.

## CHARLES KORS

Many people in the Borough, particularly in the Peckham area, will be shocked to hear of the sudden death of Charles Kors. He and his wife have lived in Peckham for many years. He had just retired as Headmaster of a local primary school and had a very long term commitment to building resources locally to meet local needs. He was closely involved from the beginning in the building up of the Copleston Centre, a multi-racial community centre in Copleston Road, Peckham, and in developing the services within the Centre, including the Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre and the Children's Centre, as well as an Ecumenical Church project. He was also Chair of the Copleston Centre management committee, and with all his personal energy was the initiator of most of the very successful community events held there, and attracted to the Centre a very wide range of users.

Almost single handed at times he also kept alive the issue of the future use of schools such as Thomas Calton and Old Bellenden School - and recognised that they must be retained for community use. A new initiative around Thomas Calton now seems off the ground and (see note elsewhere in this Newsletter) was entirely due to the personal effort. Charles Kors was also currently Chair of the Southwark/Dulwich UN Association.

He will be greatly missed.

## RACE EQUALITY

SCVS has applied to the Race Equality Committee for a small grant to cover the cost of printing a booklet about Equal Opportunities and employment practice. This will include Guidelines on the selection and interviewing of new staff, monitoring the policy, and so on. Once it is published we will be launching the booklet with a meeting about race equality and the voluntary sector, so please check forthcoming newsletters for the date. At this meeting SCVS hopes to get feedback from other voluntary organisations who are also looking at this question and how best SCVS can assist organisations; for example, the possibility of a short training course.

The Race Equality Working Group has also applied for money for racism awareness training for staff and Executive of SCVS. We recognise that in order to look at the institutional nature of racism, of which SCVS is necessarily a part, we need first and foremost to examine all aspects of SCVS's own policy structure and working practice. It is also particularly necessary that we do this if we are to open the discussion more widely to the voluntary sector in general.

- \* We oppose the Government's privatisation proposals, which will damage the service and impoverish the staff.

Let us hope that with united action involving community organisations, Trade Unions and political parties we can save our most important and valuable social service, and develop it through democratic structures to respond effectively and flexibly to the health needs of the community.

For more information on both Health Emergency Campaigns in Southwark, contact the Trade Union Support Unit on 582 8555.

There will be a **PUBLIC MEETING**

on **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7th** at

**7.30pm, United Reformed Church,**

**Grove Lane, SE5**

to launch the Camberwell Campaign publicly.

For more information contact SCVS/EU

(732 9776), or TUSU (582 8555)

#### THE FUTURE OF THOMAS CALTON SCHOOL

Many organisations were represented at a meeting on 22nd November to discuss the future of Thomas Calton School. Peter Clyne, Community Education Officer at County Hall, spoke to the meeting. Those present resolved to write to local GLC members to emphasise the importance of keeping the building available for community use.

The next meeting will be on **Monday January 9th** at 7.30 at Thomas Calton School. Any organisation interested in using these premises and with ideas should come to this meeting to discuss how to take the work on further. It is important that as many interested persons and organisations as possible attend. It is necessary to get some clear requests to the ILEA as soon as possible before budgets are set up to '85.

#### NEW WORKER AT CAMBERWELL CREDIT UNION

Ray Grant has now started as a full-time worker with the Union funded by the GLC. He is at present looking for **office space** - so if your organisation can help, get in touch with him at St Giles Parish Hall, Benhill Road, SE5, 701 4319. The Credit Union is a financial cooperative to help people save and borrow through being members and being involved in the decision making. If you want to know more contact Ray Grant at the above number.

## GRANT AID

### GLC FUNDING

As part of its programme to develop local community activities in London the GLC would like applications for funding from voluntary and community groups.

They have an information brochure, which gives guidance and contact points if you are not sure which Committee to apply to. It also gives details of the Council's criteria and procedures. To get this brochure and an application form, write to: The Director General (DG/GCU) Greater London Council, Room 508, The County Hall,

## Grants for Women's Groups in Southwark

Southwark women's committee will soon be considering its grants for 1984-5.

Money could be available to help your women's project.

You can apply for a grant to help you run activities, buy equipment, run a creche, etc. etc. If you are a new group you can also apply for money to help you get started.

**To find out about applying for grant aid, please write to Tanya Whitty at the Women's Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London, S.E.5. Or ring 703 6311, Ext. 2174.**

**Applications need to be in by January 9th.**

### URBAN AID HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Application forms for urban aid holiday project funding (for Easter and Summer school holidays) are available from Sarah Newton at the Town Hall 703 6311 ext 2387

Closing date for returned applications is Friday 13th January 1984

Do E's decision on how much our block grant is will be known in January. Community Affairs Urban Aid Sub-committee will meet in February to allocate the funds.



# JOBS

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

for dynamic social work organisation/housing association

Friendly atmosphere, good conditions and control of own work-load Part qualified/equivalent experience. Salary £8,325-£9,030. Details and application form from: Alcoholics Recovery Project, 68 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6DF. Tel. 403 3369. Closing date 16.12 83

## OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WANTED

for three workers on a new project for single young homeless people. Can pay £2,000 p.a. Phone Bob Brodey at Consortium, 701 2002.

# CLOSED FOR XMAS

## PLEASE NOTE

SCVS will be closed for Christmas from 26th December to 1st January inclusive

The next SCVS Newsletter will be coming out in the last week of January (Last day for anything you want us to include will be the 19th.)

# COURSES

## VIDEO

Saturday 10th December 10 00 - 4 00 at Morley College Creche - Learn how to operate the Camera/Portapak and ways in which the equipment can be used for your project.

## COMMUNITY WORK - INTRODUCTION

For those involved in community projects as activist/volunteer/paid or unpaid workers.

Mon. Tue Wed 12th 13th 14th Dec 9.30 - 4.30 at South Bank Polytechnic Fee £48, £1 if unwaged Application form - phone 928 8989 X2588

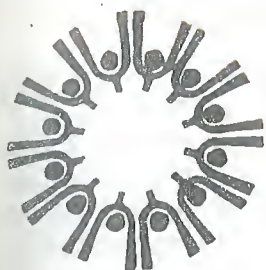
## STATUTORY SICK PAY

We are hoping to set up a training session on statutory sick pay early in the New Year. The DHSS will send an information officer to explain the system and answer questions on the subject. Please phone Gillie Sharp on 732 3731 if you are interested.

## NEW STAFF AT SCVS

We would like to welcome two new members of staff. Sally Belnavis has recently joined the Housing Advice Resource Unit as their 4th worker. Barbara Watson has just joined us to complete the team of three administrators.

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JOHN HARVARD LIBRARY,  
211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
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## NEW SLETTER CUTS NEWS

### SOUTHWARK COUNCIL BUDGET

Southwark Council has not yet decided on what rates it will fix for 1984/5, or what budget will be allowed for each committee.

Its decision is affected by Government funding calculations which means,

1) The Government figure of how much Southwark needs to spend in order to maintain a standard level of service has been cut by 3.4% in cash terms. (about 8.4% when allowing for inflation at 5%) - a loss of over £6m.

2) The Government have sharply increased the penalties for Southwark if it overspends the Government target. If Southwark spends at its estimated budget level for next financial year, it will lose all Government block grant - a fine of about £39m.

### TRANSPORT BILL

A London-wide lobby of Parliament was held on 17th January to protest against the bill. Particular concerns are the threat to democracy if transport is controlled by a government appointed body; the threat to pensioners bus passes, and the danger that services will be cut and fares rise.

Southwark was represented by a delegation of 35 people from Southwark Pensioners Action Group, and by a group from the taxi-cab users scheme.

All three Southwark MP's were lobbied. Harriet Harman and Simon Hughes expressed their opposition to the bill. Simon Hughes is on the Committee looking at the details of the bill. Gerald Bowden is in favour of the bill.

### RATE-CAPPING

The bill to give the government power to restrict the amount of rates local authorities can levy, which is aimed particularly at 'high spending' authorities such as Southwark, had its second reading on January 17th. The bill passed this hurdle, though with a reduced majority as many conservatives abstained or voted against it. In Southwark, Simon Hughes and Harriet Harman voted against the bill, and Gerald Bowden in favour. The bill now enters the committee stage. See next newsletter for more on rate capping and on the GLC abolition.

### PLAY ON HOUSING ESTATES

Recall conference - Sat Feb 18th, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 2-4 30pm. Creche provided.

The meeting is to receive the report from the first conference held last October, and discuss the recommendations and the way forward for play in Southwark. Everyone concerned with children and play welcome, especially those who came to the first conference.

### London Media Project

The London Media Project helps local community and voluntary groups make better use of the media. They can help your group get coverage or provide training or contacts and information on how the media work, what qualities they look for when choosing material, how an item can be "angled" etc.

They offer training sessions on writing news releases; using your time on the air; approaching producers and on complaining.

The Project is part of Community Service Volunteers (CSV):

The London Media Project  
237 Pentonville Road  
London N1 9NJ Tel. 278 6601



## RATES RENTS AND CUTS

Councillor Alan Davis, the leader of Southwark Council has replied to SCVS's letter which expressed concern about preserving services in the voluntary sector. He says:

"It is very difficult to respond to your letter of 2nd December. Central government has only just announced block grant allocations and penalty arrangements. The allocations and penalties for overspending are horrific and particularly for Southwark. We do not like either alternative left by the government - painful cuts in services or hefty rate increases. We also wanted as you know to make progress in other areas particularly where we made pre-election pledges.

We have now to consider all these aspects. whatever overall approach we take we are obliged, as a responsible Council, to examine how we currently spend our resources and see whether there is scope for improvement. I cannot predict the outcome but I do agree with you that local services should be looked at as a whole whether provided by the statutory or voluntary sector. I take your point about not adopting an approach which discriminates against the voluntary sector.

I am sorry that I cannot say anything more definitive but the crunch time for making decisions on rents, rates and services are only now upon us and will be our constant and major considerations throughout the next few months."

### Royal charitable trusts for youth

Greater London is one of the ten areas served by the newly formed committees awarding grants to young people on behalf of the three royal charitable trusts.

The committees are responsible for the distribution of small grants to enable young people to help themselves (from the Prince's Trust); to help local youth organisations (from King George's Jubilee Trust) and to help young people to help others (from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust).

Further information about any of the three trusts can be obtained from Norman Richardson, Secretary to the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trust Committee, 12c Treport Street, London SW18 736 2803

## NEW MEMBERS

We are trying to include a piece in each month's newsletter about new members of SCVS - just a short piece saying where they are and what they do. If any other member organisations would like us to do the same for them, please get in touch with Gillie Sharp

Space in the newsletter is very limited, so we can't promise to print everything, and we have to reserve the right to edit material. Please let us know if you want your information presented in a particular way, and if any parts of it must not be edited out, or are sensitive in any way, and we will do our best to print it the way you want it.

If you've got a longer piece you want to circulate or you want to publicise a particular meeting or event, then we will gladly send out an insert with the newsletter. We have always done this free in the past, but unfortunately we will now have to make a small charge towards the postage. This will be 1p per sheet (still a lot cheaper than sending it out yourself, and we will still do this free for those groups with no money at all).

We send out about 500 newsletters every month. The total mailing includes community groups and voluntary organisations who are members, Southwark Councillors, plus various national organisations interested individuals. If you want your material to be inserted, please give 500 copies of it (300 or so will do if you only want it to go to organisations) to Gillie Sharp before the last day of the month.

The newsletter itself usually goes to the printer on the last Thursday in the month, so anything to be included must be with us before then.

## Public Transport Participation

In the Autumn the GLC circulated a proposal for Borough based consultative groups on public transport issues. The groups were to have involved community groups and interest groups (eg women's groups or community relations groups). This idea has now been dropped ("due to lack of interest") but the GLC have asked London Transport Passengers Committee to consider setting up 6 area sub-committees based on each of the 6 bus districts.

Southwark Council had supported the original idea, it has now written to the GLC stressing that local interests should be represented on the proposed sub-committees.

# COURSES

## SHORT COURSES IN MANAGEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Forthcoming short courses from the Community Work Service at LVSC include:

**MANAGING A SMALL TEAM OR AGENCY** - 28-29 Feb at London Voluntary Service, Fee £45

**MANAGING FOR THE FIRST TIME** 22-23 March at LVSC Fee £45

**INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN MANAGEMENT** 17-18 May at LVSC Fee £45

**MAKING MEETINGS WORK** 11-12 June at LVSC Fee £45

**STAFF PROCEDURES AND EMPLOYMENT LAW** 5-6 July at LVSC Fee £45

**WORKING IN COLLECTIVES AND CO-OPERATIVES** 15-16 Oct at LVSC Fee £45

**INTERVIEWING SKILLS** 12 - 13 November at LVSC £45

More information from Ailsa Mosbacher/Mary Roberts Training Unit, Community Work Service  
LVSC, 68 Chalton Street  
London NW1  
Telephone 388 0241

## TRANSPORT for COMMUNITY and VOLUNTARY GROUPS

A practical training day for people interested in Community Transport Solutions **Thursday 16th February** at The Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1

Contact: Clifford W Fulford  
Hackney Community Transport  
Rossendale Street, London E5  
Telephone 806 7462

## FUNDRAISING

A two day seminar on raising money for inner-city renovation and building schemes and for capital projects

**21st and 22nd March 10 30 to 5 00** Organised by the Directory of Social Change in conjunction with Community Work Service Details of this and other seminars from Michael Norton, Directory of Social Change, 9 Mansfield Place, London NW3 telephone 794 9835

## CONSTITUTIONS

A one-day course aimed at workers who have to advise community groups on constitutions, and the most appropriate legal structure a group should adopt.

**Thursday 23rd February 10 00 - 1.00pm** in the Committee Room at LVSC, 54 Chalton Street NW1  
Telephone 388 0241

## GLC Entertainments

Coming up - May Festival - Burgess Park - May 7th; Multiracial Festival - South Bank - May 27th-28th.

Also Easter Parade - April 22nd, Battersea Park.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Available from Consortium (701 2002) is a tape/slide and video about the future and the alternatives for the single homeless in South East London

## Ward Newsletters

Have you received your Ward Newsletter?

Have you got any news or items for it? If so ring Lewis Herbert or Veronica Trim on 703 6311 extension 2386 and 2039 (a.m. only).

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE

Amanda Bennet from London Weekend TV's Community Unit will be here at **2.30 on Tuesday February 7th** to talk about the way groups can make use of free time on TV to advertise themselves. She will be showing us some examples on a video and answering questions

### STATUTORY SICK PAY

The DHSS are sending someone to explain SSP at **10.30 on 1st February**.

## Harriet Harman M.P.

### NEW SURGERY SCHEDULE

First Friday every month - 5.30 - 7.30pm Walworth Town Hall, Walworth Road, SE17

Second Friday every month 2.00 - 3.30pm Camden Tenants Hall, Camden Square, Camden Estate, SE15

Third Friday every month - 5.30 - 7.30pm, Peckham Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 (not 41 Camberwell Grove as before)

Phone Gillie Sharp on 732 3731 if you want to come to either or both of these sessions, (or you can just turn up on the day).



# Office Equipment

# JOBS

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

1 Roneo Duplicator, still working, from Pitt St Settlement, phone 703 4775

- 1 Gestetner Scanner
- 1 3M's dry copier
- 1 Photocopier

Available from SCVS, 732 3731 All believed working but probably need an overhaul

## GERANIUM DAY

The Greater London Fund for the Blind need helpers on their annual flagday - which is to take place this year on Tuesday, 10th April.

They particularly need two or three people to deliver supplies of collecting boxes, trays and emblems to a large number of firms in the City. This operation usually starts about two weeks before the flagday. Ideally, the volunteers should have a knowledge of the City and their own transport

If you can help with this, or with flag sales, contact Beryl Denham on 262 0191 or ring Amy Wallis at the SCVS Volunteer Bureau, 732 5729

## Community Support worker

A second part-time (27 hours per week) Community Support Worker is required to assist a Tenant's Association Committee on an inner-city estate in S E London. The post is funded by L B Southwark, but employed by the T.A. and supported by a group of tenants, council officers, etc. The work will include helping to increase the T.A. membership, supporting the committee

Council and other agencies, developing both the use of the existing community hall and additional facilities, preparing a regular newsletter for Tenants

The salary will be pro-rata to £9345 inclusive. For job description and further details write to Mike Cantor, C D O., Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. **CLOSING DATE 3rd FEBRUARY**

## Community Centre Worker

Rockingham Estate Tenants Association have been awarded a grant by L.B. Southwark for a worker to help organise and develop a full programme of activities/services in their purpose built centre, and to provide support to the associations and other groups on the estate. Previous experience of inner-city organising essential.

Salary currently scale 5 (may go to scale 6) £8382 - 9087 (inc London Weighting). For further details and application form contact Marilyn Taylor, Community Development, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB. Tel 703 6311 ext. 2260. **Closing date 15th February**



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# ACTION .... GLC ABOLITION .... ACTION ....

About 30 voluntary organisations attended the meeting at the Dominica Centre on Jan 25th to consider a response to the Government's proposal to abolish the GLC and take tighter financial control over the ILEA. The following resolution was passed:

" This meeting opposes the Government's attempt to abolish the GLC and to increase control of the finances of borough councils, and believes that all groups in Southwark should campaign against the Government's proposals. This meeting resolves to establish an open steering group to co-ordinate the campaign, to consist of representatives of voluntary and community groups, Trade Unions and other groups in Southwark. The steering group will meet regularly and the meetings will be publicly advertised. The campaign will work closely with the GLC, the Democracy for London Campaign, Southwark Council, political parties, trade unions and other bodies, to ensure that the Government's proposals are defeated."

A steering group to get the campaign off the ground was agreed, and the first meeting will be on Wednesday February 8th at 7.30 p.m. at the Dominica Centre, 69 Peckham High St. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. NO, NOT THE TOWN HALL. DO COME The aim is to think of lots of original ideas, and build a campaign we can enjoy as well as one which will save vital services.

## MEANWHILE .....

It is very important that your organisation responds now to the Government's proposals, especially if you are funded by the GLC and/or ILEA.

\* PLEASE WRITE to Patrick Jenkin at the Dept. of the Environment, 2 Marsham St, SW1. describing the work your project does, and the way you would be affected, and send your letter to SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, Peckham, London SE15, to reach us by Fri. Feb. 17th at the latest. Simon Hughes (M.P. Bermondsey), feels that the Government's deadline of Jan 31st for comments is too early, and he has promised to put your letters to the Dept of the Environment in February.

\* WRITE TO YOUR M.P. Dulwich Gerry Bowden M.P.  
Peckham Harriet Harman M.P.  
Bermondsey Simon Hughes M.P.

all at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA, describing the likely effects on your project if the GLC is abolished. Harriet Harman ( M.P. Peckham) Would be pleased to ask questions in the House of Commons about the effects the Government's present policies will have on particular needs and services. Send her a copy of other letters you have written if possible.

Gerry Bowden ( M.P. Dulwich), has said he will reply to specific questions. Don't forget he supports Government policy on GLC abolition and rate-capping, so the more questions you can put to him the better.

\* LOTS OF LETTERS to the South London Press, Mercury and Evening Standard from groups or individuals who will be affected would help to get the message across.

\* If you know any members of the House of Lords, write to them. This is very important, as the House of Lords may be crucial in stopping this legislation.

\* If you possibly can, send copies of letters you write to SCVS, as it gives us a better picture of how groups will be affected.

LETTERS DO HAVE AN EFFECT, as we discovered when we campaigned about possible cuts in urban aid. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO WRITE

SCVS has more information about the effects of the proposed legislation. Ring Jane Belman, 732 3731.

P.S. WELL DONE LOBBYISTS About 40 people from a wide range of Southwark organisations put their points of view to Southwark's 3 M.P.'s on Jan 24th. at the House of Commons. There was a lot of useful information in what they had to say.



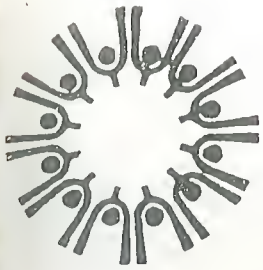
### COURSE IN COUNSELLING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

This is a course at Westminster College, Peter Street, W1. It will be on Thursdays, 5 - 8 pm, commencing on Thursday 2nd February.

It is for people dealing with linguistic minority groups in the course of their work. For more details and application form contact:

## **Southwark English Language Scheme**

Southwark Institute, Tabard Branch, Hunter Close, S.E.1 ☎ 407 3230



# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

FEB/MARCH 1984

## NEWSLETTER

### GOVT ATTACKS - SOUTHWARK'S FIGHT

THE GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATION, ATTACKING DEMOCRACY AND THREATENING JOBS AND SERVICES, IS PROGRESSING THROUGH PARLIAMENT. THE FOUR BILLS ARE DESCRIBED BRIEFLY HERE, WITH DETAILS OF THE ACTION BEING ORGANISED TO OPPOSE THEM.

#### GLC ABOLITION

Coming soon (March/April) the 'paving' bill, which will:

- \* cancel the 1985 GLC elections, so Londoners will lose the right to vote for/against the existing GLC policies;
- \* set up an interim body, made up of borough councillors, to run the GLC and ILEA till 1986. Conservatives will be the majority on this body;
- \* make it illegal for GLC/Council staff to refuse to do the work associated with abolishing the GLC. The Bill is timed to reach the Lords in June, to be passed in July. The bill to abolish the GLC is to be introduced in June/July, becoming law in April 1985. The GLC is launching a petition for the right to vote - copies available from SCVS

#### RATE CAPPING

This is due to reach the Lords by March/April, to be passed in June.

It will make it illegal for 'highspending' authorities such as ILEA, GLC, Southwark, to increase rates beyond very strict Government targets. The Government is already 'fining' these authorities by withdrawing rate support grants, which is why the authorities have had to increase their rates to avoid cutting services. To meet the current Government targets, the GLC would have to cut spending by 30%, and the ILEA would have to make 15% cuts.

The results of this bill will be cuts in education, youth work, adult classes, social services, housing, all sorts of other public services and the work of voluntary organisations.

#### TRANSPORT

This one is also due to get to the Lords by March/April, and go through in June. Its effect will be to abolish London Transport (currently GLC

controlled) and put a Government appointed body in its place. This will mean:

- \* no democratic control over buses and tubes in London;
- \* fare increases, cuts in services, privatising popular services, major job losses;
- \* threat to pensioners bus passes and transport schemes for the disabled (taxi-cab scheme, dial-a-ride)

Threatened bus services in Southwark are P3, P4, 184 and 42A. They are 'unprofitable' - partly because they are used by people who need them most: ie pensioners with free passes, and other regular passengers who buy passes.

Privatising services is likely to lead to much higher fares and reduced weekend, early and late services.

75% of people in Southwark are dependent on public transport, especially pensioners, women, children and young people, and people with disabilities. Their ability to take part in social and political life is threatened.

The Government is suggesting some concessions for pensioners travel, but is making no commitment to what London's pensioners are demanding - a free travel pass for the whole of London. The Federation of London Dial-a-Rides (FOLDAR), and other disability groups, asked that the bill contain a duty for the transport authority to deal with the travel needs of disabled people. This was **rejected**.

FOLDAR will be lobbying MP's from 12.30 on March 19th. Support welcome - phone 482 2323. Southwark Pensioners Action Group took part in the National Pensioners Lobby on March 1st, which focussed on transport. More information on other action by pensioners from Bernadette O'Shea, 701 1038.

## ACTION

Southwark Against Government Attacks on Local Democracy - SAGA

At the SCVS meeting of voluntary organisations on Jan 25th, it was resolved to set up a campaign to

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oppose the abolition of the GLC, to oppose increase in Government control over council and ILEA finance, and to oppose the Transport Bill SAGA is now an independent body, open to community groups, voluntary organisations trade unions, political parties, churches and anyone else interested Meetings are open; your group is welcome Details from Jane Belman 732 8731; Roger Clews 928 0711

#### ADVERTISEMENT

SAGA is asking individuals and groups to sponsor/subscribe to an advertisement in the local press (see insert) Reply to Jill Butler, RCPC, Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Rd, SE16

TUC WEEK OF ACTION - MARCH 24-29

SAGA FUNERAL FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY - MARCH 23

Details of this are on the leaflet enclosed A Hearse will go through Southwark, stopping at shopping centres, to County Hall Paper 'wreaths' with messages from groups will be laid on the coffin and presented to MP's at the end of the march Leaflets/petitions will be handed to the public

SAGA needs you to:

- \* lay a wreath on the coffin (available from Roger Clews -928 0711)
- \* help leaflet along the route
- \* publicise the event among your contacts

MARCH 26th IS TRANSPORT DAY  
MARCH 27th IS EDUCATION DAY

Ring Jane/Roger for details nearer the time Transport Day will include leafletting of threatened bus routes

MARCH 29th IS NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION  
(see enclosed leaflet)

Assemble Gordon Street/Tavistock Square at 12 noon or march to Jubilee Gardens

#### OTHER ACTION

Write to:

- \*Patrick Jenkin, Dept of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SW1
- \* your MP
- \*South London Press, Mercury, Evening Standard, Southwark Sparrow, saying how your group will be affected by the new legislation
- \* Raise the subject at meetings of your group SAGA can provide speakers. For a basic information sheet on all the issues ring Jane on 732 3731
- \* Use your contacts/newsletter to publicise what is happening
- \* join SAGA

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- \* Join Democracy for London Campaign - unions and community groups opposed to GLC abolition tel 633 5570
- \* CAPITAL - unions and community groups opposed to Transport Bill tel 278 7801
- \* Save ILEA campaign; local contact Ann Barnard, 29 Court Lane, Dulwich SE21

NB - the Government had about 1500 responses to its White Paper - Streamlining the Cities, and from about 1600 students on the ILEA

## TURKISH WOMEN

This is a new organisation based on the Aylesbury Estate Our aims are to bring Turkish and Cypriots together and to break down our isolation and problems we face as ethnic minority women

We meet weekly and decided we needed to start campaigning for many things including health, childcare, education, advice work etc

At the moment we are in the process of making a tape (on arranged marriages) which we hope will be a topic for discussions for other Women's Groups in Southwark There will be a Turkish Women's Day in March to give a chance to outsiders to get to know about our culture We plan to have our own advice sessions once a week to enable Turkish women to use and invite speakers to talk to us

Our project has been together for seven months and we have fifteen women who attend The project has dealt with education (learning English) and discussions on health, homeworking, creches. We are aware that there are cypriot women on the estate who do not have the confidence to come along We are working on more publicity and we wish to have a newsletter once a month, We hope to cater for our children's needs as well, because some children are stuck at home until school age We hope to have a playscheme for our children for our children and bring mothers out on day trips, as some mothers have no been outside the home because of lack of confidence

I hope that you can attend our women's day and find out more about our group, this will also give us a chance to meet other women's groups in the area We meet on Tuesdays, 1 - 3 pm at the Chaplin Centre, Taplow, SE17 (for more information ring 703 0038 )

Ellen Noor

#### KEYS FOR SCVS MEETING ROOMS

Groups who book our rooms for meetings in the evenings and at weekends will now be asked to pay a deposit of £5 when they borrow a set of keys We've been having trouble keeping track of who has keys, so we thought this might encourage prompt return

When borrowing keys please make sure your details are entered in the book Your deposit will be returned when you hand over the keys.

# PENSIONERS FORUM

IS YOUR ORGANISATION REPRESENTED ON Southwark COUNCIL'S PENSIONERS' FORUM?

The forum gives organisations concerned with pensioners the chance to discuss, and decide what action to take on issues affecting pensioners in Southwark. Does your organisation want to be represented?

**The Fourth Meeting of the Pensioners' Forum will be on 12th April, in the Town Hall, at 11 am**

The Forum gives organisations concerned with pensioners the chance to discuss, and decide what

The Forum covers Southwark Council services, plus wider issues which affect Southwark. At its last meeting, for instance, the Forum asked the Minister for Social Security to receive a deputation of Southwark pensioners protesting at the impact on pensioners of cuts from April in housing benefits.

Letters are also being written to the Chairman of the Post Office, Ron Dearing, opposing proposed closures of 1000 urban sub post offices including ones in Southwark.

The Forum is planning an annual meeting on 'local services for pensioners' on 1st May, open to all pensioners in Southwark.

The Forum is jointly chaired by Denis Clarke of the Southwark Pensioners Action Group (SPAG). SPAG employs a Development Worker, Bernadette O'Shea, to work with pensioners' groups in the borough. For further details phone Bernadette on 701 1038.

For further information on the Pensioners' Forum and forthcoming events, contact Chris Herbert, Research Officer, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE15 (703 6311, ext 2386).

## RIGHTS TEAM

The GLC Welfare Rights Support Team, established to follow GLC take-up campaigns, is in Southwark to the end of March. They are interested in:

- \* working on a rights guide for school leavers, for the Unemployed Centre, Pitt St and Peckham Settlements

- \* assisting Pitt St information workers in a new advice session on a local estate

- \* producing information sheets for the Women's signing-on Campaign

- \* assisting with the promotion of benefits for all current clients of Southwark Disablement Assoc

- \* helping with specific projects and welfare rights advice at Peckham CAB

- "training for various workers and volunteers within these groups

In addition the town Hall and the Walworth Project have both shown interest in a placement. At the end of March a report will be produced describing the Welfare Rights Support Team's work in Southwark and assessing welfare rights advice services in the borough.

## HOUSING BENEFIT

The Government has issued another set of proposed changes to Housing Benefit which do little to help most of the people who will be made poorer after the cuts.

Southwark Council is co-operating with Lambeth, Lewisham and Greenwich to run a local campaign against the cuts. As part of the campaign they are planning a conference for the local people and community groups to learn about the cuts and discuss Housing Benefit.

The conference is at 7.00 on March 13th at North Peckham Civic Centre, in the Old Kent Road.

Nick Raynsford of SHAC will be speaking, and they hope to have Michael Meacher and Dennis Skinner as well.

## HOLIDAY PROJECT FUNDS

The Holiday Projects Co-ordinating Committee is meeting to allocate approximately £15000 for holiday projects in Southwark. Applications should be in as soon as possible - or at least a statement of intent and estimate of expenditure. For further information contact Mike Pearce, Youth Office, 83 Peckham Road SE5, 701 8559.

## ARTS FESTIVAL

### SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

The Festival will be held in June 1984, with main outdoor events in Peckham Rye, Belair and Southwark Park.

Bryan Watts, Southwark's Entertainments Manager, is looking for any Arts Group who would like to publicise or demonstrate their activities. Space will be provided free to such groups.

There will also be a wide variety of activities in local halls and other venues throughout the month. For further details ring Vernon Aston on 703 6311 x 2330.

## DRAMA GROUPS

WACAT's Activities Centre Theatre has the following drama programme for 1984:

WOMEN'S DRAMA GROUP - Wednesdays 1-3pm - childcare provided - starts 15th Feb

YOUTH GROUP - Thursdays 5-7pm - for 13-18 year olds - starts 16th Feb

GIRLS DANCE AND DRAMA GROUP - Mondays 4.30 - 6.30 - starts 20th Feb

DRAMA ON THE DOLE - Mondays 1.30 - 3.30pm - childcare provided - for unemployed people of 16+ starts - 27th Feb

PRODUCTION GROUP - Mondays 7-9pm - for people 18+ - interested in working towards a production - starts 27th Feb

All classes welcome new members. No experience necessary. Cost is £1 per course of 6-8 weeks. If you are unwaged you pay £1 for as many classes as you can attend. Further details, ring 703 0415 or 701 7413.



# JOBS

Pitt St Settlement Collective requires a **CO-ORDINATOR** to do fund raising, staff liaison, and community development. Experience in community-based work essential. We are an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of race, nationality, ethnic or national origins, marital status, sex, sexual orientation and from disabled persons (sorry, no wheelchair facilities at the moment). Salary scale AP5.

For further details and application forms please phone any member of the Collective on 710 0835 or write to The Administrator (SC), 191 East Surrey Grove SE15 5PP. Closing date for returned forms 23rd March 1984.

## CHILDMINDERS PROJECT WORKER

A joint project worker for Childminders Drop-in Centres in Walworth needed.

The project worker will be employed for 10 hours a week for visiting and running the centres throughout the year.

Playgroup and Community work experience necessary. Mature applicants preferred.

Salary £1,500p a. Annual holiday 4 weeks. Further details and application forms from Mrs. V Joslin, Whitefield House, 177 East Street, SE17.

Closing date for applications - 9th March 1984.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The **COMMUNITY DRUG PROJECT** is moving to 30 MANOR PLACE, LONDON SE17 3BB.

Telephone number is staying the same - 703 0559.



1st Open Meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30 at the Unemployed Centre, 83 Peckham High St.

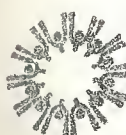
For men interested in providing creches (mostly for women's but also mixed events, and some babysitting, e.g. for single mothers). The group could provide creches for conferences, educational and recreational courses, women's days etc.

Our society places the responsibility of child-care almost entirely on women. It is for us as men to return to them the opportunity to do other things. As Dennis says, 'The time for talking is over. The time for changing nappies is NOW!'

More info contact Gary, 703 9011.

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## NEWSLETTER EXTRA

FEB/MARCH 1984

### FREE SPACE FOR SPORT AND PLAY

There is a community sports and play site at the back of St Mary Magdalene School. It's on the corner of Consort Road and Godman Road. It has a full-sized floodlit football pitch and a smaller pitch (both are hard surfaces). There is also a grassy area. The site can be booked for use after 5.30 and at weekends. Also suitable for fetes etc. To book, apply in person at 125 Evelina Road, SE15

### INNER CITIES CONFERENCE

The C.C. is organising a conference to look at existing inner city policies, their achievements and shortcomings and their relevance to present day conditions.

The conference takes place on the evening of Thurs 5th April and all day of the 6th. Further information can be gained from the Inner City Group on 633 8164, or from SCVS fieldworkers.

### TRANX

A new organisation has set up - based in Harrow - to help people to successfully come off tranquillisers. It has been established to:

- \* set up a network of self-help groups for people addicted to minor tranx/sleeping pills.
- \* form a national support/referral service for people suffering physical and psychological withdrawal symptoms
- \* create greater awareness in the community of the effects of long term tranquilliser use.

Because of the hundreds of letters and phone calls they receive each week, Tranx is asking CVS's to initiate self-help groups in their area. They will give help and advice on starting up such a group. Write to Joan Jerome, c/o Harrow AVS, 2 St John's Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

### PAYING WAGES?

At SCVS we've been thinking about getting a supply of Kalama xoo payroll stationery. It is quite expensive as you have to buy packs of large quantities. This is obviously not economical for organisations with only one or two employees. If SCVS buys some we could split the packs and sell you the quantities you need. Kalama xoo payroll system includes everything you need for paying wages and keeping records, and is easy to use. They also do a system for Statutory Sick Pay. If you are interested, ring Gillie or Joel on 732 3731.

The Executive Committee and members of the  
**SOUTHWARK ASIAN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION**  
(supported by South London Asian Youth Association)

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR THREE DAY FESTIVAL EVENT

The Opening Ceremony of our Asian 'Meia' (Festival) will be held at  
**WARWICK PARK SCHOOL** (formerly Peckham Manor School), Peckham Road, SE15

on

**FRIDAY 16th MARCH, 1984 from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm**

The ceremony will be opened with a speech by His Worship the MAYOR of SOUTHWARK  
Councillor SAM KING

Guest Speakers:

Clt. MADAN KALIA . . . . Chair Southwark Race Equality Co  
JENNY STILES . . . . S.C.V.S.  
SID HERCULES . . . . S.C.C.P.

An exhibition of Asian Culture, Religion and Art consisting of Display, books and documentary Films organised by SRIJ KALIA (South London Asian Youth Association) 737 263

**SATURDAY 17th MARCH, 1984 from 7.00pm to 10.00pm**

at

**WARWICK PARK SCHOOL** (formerly Peckham Manor School), Peckham Road, SE15

Classic and Folk Dances, Songs, Music from different parts of the Indian Sub-Continent  
organised by SATWANT SINGH TAAR 732 4576 and JULI NAN HOO 407 4443

**SUNDAY 18th MARCH, 1984 from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

(Programme is for Women and Children only)

at

**THOMAS CALTON SCHOOL**, Chaumont Road, SE15

**MEENA BAZAAR:**

Food, Clothes, Arts and Crafts, Mehndi (HENNA) Stalls.  
Children's games.

organised by NAJMA SHAH, Southwark Muslim Women's Association  
732 9680

General Secretary: KHALID SHARIF 55 Surrey Road, SE15. 639 9840

### AYLESBURY WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP

A group of women, who live or work (or both) on and around the Aylesbury Estate, felt that we'd like to get together to talk about things we have in common. There's a lot of problems living on a big estate - especially if you've got young children. Although we certainly can't solve all the problems - it helps if you can talk about them - so why not come and join us on Monday morning.

Some of the things we hope to be talking about in the next few weeks are:-

- Children and our feelings about them
- Talking with your doctor
- The effects of unemployment
- Contraception
- Use and abuse of tranquillisers
- Pre-menstrual tension
- Dental care
- Services available

We'd welcome any other ideas and suggestions, and if you'd like to know more about the group, give one of us a ring .... Hilary or Julie 928 8915



THE CREATIVE ARTS GROUP  
presents

A Social Evening at North Peckham Civic Centre,  
Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road, SE15, on Saturday  
31st March, at 7.00pm.

Featuring UMOJA Theatre Company - one of  
Southwark's most prominent theatre presentations  
- plus music by VIRGO SOUNDS from Battersea.  
Raffle draw, food and drinks available.

Tickets £1.50 - special rates for community  
groups. Tickets available from:- SCVS, 135  
Rye Lane, SE15, (732 3731); SUPA, 83 Peckham  
High St (703 9011); SCCR, 352/4 Camberwell  
New Road, SE5 (274 8793) For further information,  
phone Creative Arts Group - 735 3421.]

FOR SALE

IBM GOLFBALL TYPEWRITER

- elderly but reliable. £40. Ring Gillie Sharp  
at SCVS - 732 3731

FREE PAINT

ICI Paints Division is running its Dulux Community  
Projects Scheme again. Paint worth 40,000 will  
be donated to voluntary groups to carry out  
painting for the benefit of the community.  
closing date 31st May 1984.

Further details: Fleur Edwards

Dulux Community Projects Office Welbeck Ltd  
Welbeck Ltd

2 Endell St. WC2 Tel. 836 6677

PLAY EQUIPMENT

SUPERSTRUCTURES is a Hackney based Co-op, produc-  
ing a wide range of quality timber play equipment,  
custom built to meet individual local needs and  
requirements. They offer a comprehensive service,  
designing, building, installing and maintaining  
equipment. They will run design workshops with  
local people so that they get exactly what they  
want. More information from SUPERSTRUCTURES 739  
8595.

GERANIUM DAY APPEAL FOR THE BLIND

Volunteers are needed to help with street  
collections on Tuesday 10 April and for the house-  
to-house period from 2nd - 10th April inc

If you are able to help please phone Greater  
London Fund for the Blind, 262 0191 between  
9.30-5.00 Mond to Fri

The proceeds of the flag day help with the train-  
ing, rehabilitation and welfare of the blind of  
all ages. In 1983, £69,000 was distributed to  
16 Blind Welfare Societies in the London Area.

COACHES FOR THE DISABLED

Several companies within the National Bus Company  
have converted vehicles for use by disabled people  
and they are available for hire. The National Bus  
Company has produced a leaflet describing the  
types of vehicles, the areas in which they are  
available and other details. For copies of the  
leaflet and further information contact:

Brian Cooper, Group Manager

Public Affairs, National Bus Company

172 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 9TN

Tel. 730 3453

ST GILES YOUTH CENTRE  
BENHILL RD. CAMBERWELL SE5.  
Tel: 703 5554 / 5989

**GIRLS' NIGHT.**  
For GIRLS and YOUNG WOMEN (11-21)  
THURSDAYS, 7.00-10.00 p.m.

GYM:- Trampoline. Netball. Badminton.  
Hockey. Football. Weight-training.  
Roller-disco. Roller-hockey. Cricket.

DANCE / DRAMA / DISCO-FIT  
with Lindsay. (Please  
bring your own  
music, clothing, track-  
suit, hairbands etc.)

COME  
and find a  
WARM WELCOME!

VISITS:  
Ice-skating. Swimming.  
Theatre. Canoeing.

WEEK-ENDS AWAY  
Hindleg Activities  
Centre, etc.

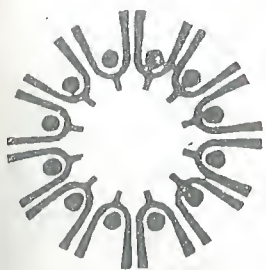
Fun!!! CHAT!!! FRIENDS!!!

Also  
YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP.  
THURSDAYS, 2.30-4.30 p.m.

OUT OF WORK? HOME AT HOME? MAY-BE YOU HAVE  
A YOUNG CHILD?  
WE ARE FORMING A GROUP TO PLAN AND DO INTERESTING  
THINGS FOR OURSELVES.  
If you want to find out more, come along or contact Diana.

CAMDEN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Camden Youth Association is based at Thomas Calton  
School, Adys Road, Peckham. It aims "to supplement  
the education system so that there would be a  
better understanding and communication between  
teachers, parents and children." The Association  
is inviting parents to come to see what they are  
offering - from maths and reading to shoe repair  
and guitar music.  
Ring Mr V.E. Balboa, on 701 5315 for more details



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APRIL 1984

## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID

Southwark has had approval for funding for seven projects for Urban Aid under Circular 24. Fifteen projects were submitted by LBS and those rated in the first eight (with the exception of WACAT) were approved by the Department of the Environment. Only two projects got full approval, the one time expired project was tapered to nil in three years. The others all had part-approval.

Details are as follows:

|                                                                                         | Capital | Revenue                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black Elderly Group                                                                     | 86,500  | 26,793                                                                  |
| East Dulwich Community Nursery                                                          | 73,175  | 46,332                                                                  |
| Mama Yeabu - Black Women's Action - drop in advice centre                               | 50,000  | 20,000 (part-approval)                                                  |
| Housing Advice Resource Unit                                                            | -       | 50,000 (1st year, part approval)<br>25,000 (2nd year)<br>nil (3rd year) |
| Play Development Worker for the Mentally Handicapped                                    | 10,000  | 12,000 (part approval)                                                  |
| Southwark Community Association Project Multi-purpose Centre for Ethnic Minority Groups | 2,900   | 25,000 (part approval)                                                  |
| Southwark Victim Support Scheme                                                         | 2,520   | 25,000 (part approval)                                                  |

The Black Elderly Group has identified the particular needs of Southwark's elderly who are of Asian African and Caribbean descent. They will run a community centre where there will be a variety of educational and social activities, advice and information.

East Dulwich Community Nursery will be established on the East Dulwich Estate, probably in a ground floor flat. This, converted into a nursery, will be the focus for work with under-fives in the area while the nursey itself will concentrate on day-care for the under-two's. Activities, discussion groups and so on will be developed by the parents involved.

The Mama Yeabu project will be working mainly in the Walworth, Camberwell and Peckham areas. Apart from advice and support work, they will be organising exhibitions, shows and dances, baby-sitting

services and training in sewing - especially of African and Caribbean costumes.

The Housing Advice Resource Unit is described inside this newsletter.

The Play development Worker for the Mentally Handicapped will be developing the Cambridge House playschemes, helping to set up small local playschemes all over Southwark, and developing integration into existing after-school and youth clubs and other playschemes.

Southwark Community Association Project will be based at 69 Peckham High Street and will provide facilities for meetings, workshops, training courses, a library, typing, photocopying and social events.

Southwark Victim Support Scheme will give short term support to victims of attack, trauma and racial harassment.





## LBS CRECHE SCHEME

The Women's Unit of Southwark Council is launching a community creche scheme. The aim is to allow parents to become more involved in community activities, courses or other leisure pursuits. For the next three months there will be a pilot scheme with money available to run a creche alongside parents' activities.

Groups will appoint their own creche workers and be responsible for paying them. Creche workers will be paid £3 an hour, and although no special qualifications are needed they must have some experience with children and be able to provide some references.

Groups can apply for up to £72 in a three-month period - equivalent to 1 creche worker for 2 hours for 12 weeks. The funding is only for workers, not for equipment.

The Women's Unit is also hoping to build up a register of creche workers that groups can call upon.

Details from Creche Project, Womens Equality Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. 703 6311 ext. 2174.

## ANTI-RACIST PLAY RESOURCES

Just setting up in Southwark is CARRUT - Centre for Anti-Racist Resources for Under-Fives and Training.

The project is sponsored by the Save the Children Fund with funding from the DHSS initiative for Under-Fives, and is based at the Children's Centre on the Rampway, Castlemead Estate, Camberwell Road SE5. A co-ordinator is in post and other staff members are being recruited.

The project has two main aims. One is to provide a whole range of multi-cultural books and toys that can be borrowed by groups. The second is to train under-fives workers in their understanding of racism, and to make the play environment non-racist. The project should be an important resource for under-fives projects.



## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

As an experiment this year Southwark Council submitted a block application to the Department of the Environment for holiday projects' Urban Aid. (This is separate from the Urban Aid for projects apart from holiday schemes, which our front page article talks about.)

Voluntary groups were then asked, at a later date, to apply to Southwark Council. The Urban Aid Subcommittee of Community Affairs Committee met on March 1st to allocate a total of £26,000 which is divided into three sections:

1. Playschemes for the mentally handicapped: £10,000
2. Playschemes for various locations: £13,000
3. Playschemes for under-5's: £3,000

This year's allocation is an increase of 1.3% on last year's. There were 19 applications applying

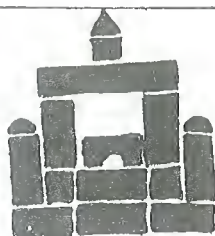
for a total of £44,576. 18 projects received funding.

The Working Party on Play would like to hear the views of the voluntary sector on how the block grant has worked. Contact Jennie Williams at SCVS.

One obvious effect has been an increase in the number of applications for Urban Aid.

The Holiday Projects Co-ordinating Committee is now meeting to allocate the other section of the holiday projects money, a total of £16,000 - 50% from the Area Youth Committee and 50% from the Council's Amenities Committee. Easter applications have already been allocated. There are already 29 applications for summer holiday projects totalling over £40,000 and more are expected.

## PLAY in SOUTHWARK



Following a successful conference on play on housing estates in October, the SCVS Working Party on Play organised a follow-up conference in February to agree a way forward for play in Southwark. The four main recommendations of the report from the first conference were agreed:

1. The Council adopt a play policy including a commitment to play on housing estates - both in planning new developments and improving existing ones - with a commitment to the full involvement of local people in locating, developing and designing play spaces and equipment.
2. The Council and the voluntary sector support the establishment of a Play Association in the borough.
3. Two mobile play units should be set up.
4. The Council should support present adventure playgrounds and consider sites to establish more.

The launch of the Play Association is planned for June - probably Saturday June 9th.

Copies of the conference report, "Play on Housing Estates in Southwark", are available from Jennie Williams at SCVS, free.

## RACISM IN HOUSING

Tackling Racism in Housing is the subject of a conference for tenants to discuss problems facing ethnic minorities and how to organise.

The conference is on Saturday April 7th from 10.00 to 5.00 at Camden Centre Hall, Bidbury Street, NW1

Speakers include Herman Ouseley and Dan Thea. Free transport, free creche and free lunch provided.

Details from London Tenants Organisation, 17 Victoria Square, E2. 981 1221.

## COMPUTANEWS

Computanews is a newsletter for advice workers on computers. It is supported by the GLC, and the February issue includes articles on computers and Housing Benefits, Take-up Campaigning and the GLC agreement to fund the London Advice Services Alliance microtechnology project.

Available from Community Information Project, Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. 981 6114.

## HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit is part of SCVS. Its four workers give support, information and advice to organisations and groups in Southwark who are involved with housing problems.

The Unit is **not** an advice centre for the public. It will talk over individual people's housing problems with staff who are trying to sort out how to help. It also provides training sessions and a newsletter, "HARU NEWS".

If you want information on housing in Southwark, do ring HARU on 732 3649 between 9.30 and 5.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It costs nothing to go on our mailing list, and our training is very cheap.

## GLC ENTERTAINMENTS

The GLC has a packed programme of entertainments. Here are the events locally:

London Marathon from Blackheath to County Hall, 13th May.

Multi-Racial Festival, South Bank, May 27 and 28.

Brass Band Festival, South Bank, July 7th.

South Bank Weekend, South Bank, July 14th and 15th  
Steel Band Festival, Royal Festival Hall, July 15

Children's Weekend, South Bank, August 11 and 12th

Summer Music, South Bank, August 12th to 26th.

Thamesday, South Bank, September 15th.

## HEALTH EMERGENCY CALENDAR

Open Committee meeting at 7.30 on April 18th at the Nurses Home, St Francis Hospital, St Francis Road, SE22.

Open Committee meeting at 7.30 on May 15th at Kings College Hospital Boardroom, Denmark Hill SE5

All London Day of Action on the Health Service. Saturday May 19th. Camberwell Health Emergency is planning a stall near Sainsbury's in Rye Lane.

Open Committee meeting at 7.30 on June 13th at the Nurses Home, St Francis Hospital, SE22. There will be stalls at various festivals. They can provide a small exhibition, and speakers on health service issues. Contact Southwark Trade Union Support Unit, 42 Braganza St., SE17 on 582 8555, or the Employment Unit, 135 Rye Lane, SE15, 732 3776.



## MASC

The Men and Violence Project intends to interview men about violence and produce video-tapes for discussions on men and violence.

They would be interested to know what you think. Is this type of work important? Could you use written research or video programmes? Would you be willing to be consulted for the research?

Contact the MASC Project, c/o Oedipus Prods, 6 Windmill Street, W1 1HF. 631 4631.

## BUILDING DESIGN

The Women's Design Service will survey potential premises, advise on repairs and health & safety, help apply for funds for work to be done and find builders.

They work with groups which promote women's interests, and give priority to ethnic minorities, disabled and working class groups.

The service is funded by the GLC and free. Contact them at 1 Ferdinand Place, NW1 or 106 Shakespeare Road SE24 on 274 7700.

## BUILDING CO-OP

Men and women in the Southwark area interested in setting up a Building Workers Co-op are invited to a meeting on Thursday 12th April at 2.00 p.m. at the Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Road, SE16.

For more information contact Bob Gordon, 11 Dunlin House, Osprey Estate, Lower Rd, SE16 on 237 8861 or contact the Rotherhithe Community Planning Centre on 231 0916.

## PLANNING ADVICE

PLANNING AID FOR LONDONERS offers free advice on town planning problems for people in the GLC area.

Contact them at 26 Portland Place, W1N 4BE, 580 7277.

## ARTIST'S REGISTER

Southwark Council's Entertainments Section are making a register of professional artists and performers resident in Southwark. They hope this will be a resource for artists and the local community.

If you want to be on the register, send a black & white photo with relevant details and information to Vaughan Aston, Southwark Entertainments, 28 Peckham Road, SE5 8PY. More details from him on 703 6311 extension 2330.

## PENSIONERS FORUM

The next PENSIONERS' FORUM meeting will be on 12th April. There will also be a half-day SOUTHWARK PENSIONERS' CONFERENCE on May 12th.

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to enter the GLC photography competition, "London and its people". This year there is a special category on the fight against racism.

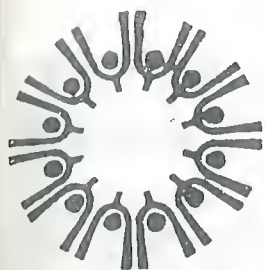
Winning photos will be exhibited at Euston Station in June and the Royal Festival Hall in July.

Details and entry forms from GLC Photography Competition, Department for Recreation and Arts, GLC Room 3, South Block, County Hall SE1 7PB, 633 1705.



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## NEWSLETTER

### LOST- THE RIGHT TO VOTE

The Bill to cancel next years GLC elections is now in Parliament. If it is passed

- next years GLC elections will be cancelled
- a body made up of councillors nominated from each borough will run the GLC until it is abolished in 1986.

As most borough councils are Conservative, this will mean control of London is passed from Labour to Conservative **without an election.**

- GLC and borough staff will have a duty to provide information to this body i.e. non-cooperation will be illegal.

The bill had its second reading in the Commons on April 11th. Despite a strong party whip, 19 Conservative MPs voted against it. Gerry Bowden (MP Dulwich) voted for it. The bill will now be discussed in detail in the Commons in the next few weeks.

#### PETITION - PLEASE SIGN

This is the first time since the Second World War that an election has been cancelled in Britain and this bill is raising opposition and unease from a wide range of people, including church leaders and members of all political parties.

The enclosed is not 'just another petition' - it is really important you sign it, and return it to the GLC by May 10th.

#### RYE LANE - MAY 5th

Southwark Against Government Attacks on Democracy (SAGA) which is organising and coordinating action in Southwark to oppose the abolition of the GLC, rate capping and the Transport Bill, is having a GLC exhibition bus in Bournemouth Road (off Rye Lane) on May 5th, and will be getting people to sign the GLC petition. Volunteers needed - contact Mark Neuman, 732 9777 if you can help.

More news/reports, see inside.

### GLC CAPITAL PROGRAMME CUT

The Government is asking the GLC to cut its capital spending programme for 1985 by £40million.

Anything beyond this is subject to strict Whitehall approval.

In Southwark this affects projects in the South Bank Community Area and in Docklands. In particular, the future of Beormund Community Centre, whose capital grant was agreed last year, but to be paid this year, is now uncertain. Also threatened - improvements to South Bank concert halls, Crystal Palace Sports Ground and Horniman Museum, development of Burgess Park, a new hostel for the homeless in Southwark.

Cuts may be made in purchase of fire equipment, flood alleviation work, loans to industry, pollution research (including asbestos) and job training opportunities.

### CHC ELECTION

The date of the Camberwell Community Health Council Election has been changed to:

**30th MAY 1984**

The closing date for nominations is now 9th May. All the organisations on the Regional Health Authority's list should, by now, have received notification of the change of date, information about the CHC and the election and a nomination form.

The change of date gives organisations more time to decide if they would like to nominate a person to serve on the CHC. If you haven't received the information and the form, please let Gillie Sharp at SCVS (732 3731) know **immediately.**

If you would like to know more about the CHC's work contact Camberwell Community Health Council, 75 Denmark Hill, SE5, Tel. 703 9498.



## THE FUTURE OF THOMAS CALTON

A steering committee has been meeting since November to put together a proposal to the ILEA that Thomas Calton School, Alpha Rd, off Rye Lane Peckham becomes a **Community Education Centre**. There are two other such centres in London. They are managed by local groups and are funded directly from County Hall. So far it looks as if there is a good chance of the school becoming a Community Education Centre, and it would be a valuable resource not just to the Peckham area but to Southwark in general. Such a centre can cater for all age groups and allows flexible use of facilities depending on the needs of groups. One idea is to have 'starter units' of new groups needing a small amount of office space with joint use of typewriters etc. The Steering Committee is now preparing a more detailed plan of use to put to County Hall.

If your group/organisation would be interested to know more, contact the Rev. Gordon Mursell, Chair of the Steering Committee, St. Johns Vicarage, 62 East Dulwich road, SE22 9AV, Tel. 639 3807.

### In the meantime

The school can be used for meetings etc. for community groups/voluntary organisations every Thursday evening **from Thursday 3rd May for 10 weeks**. This is a pilot project being run jointly by Southwark Institute and Southwark Youth Office. Rooms will be available free. There will also be classes available including a community discussion group. A special fee for classes will be £1.00 for 10 weeks, with demonstrations on the first evening. **For further details phone 274 8024.**



The GLC Ethnic Minorities Unit are appealing for help. They are looking for people who will go to meetings to inform different groups and advise them on ways in which they might become actively involved.

The staff at the GLC are worried that going to these Anti-Racist Year promotion meetings is stopping them doing other essential aspects of their jobs.

People who may be interested in promoting the Anti Racist Year in this way should contact Pam Nanda at the GLC on 633 4270 to discuss the practical details.

## SOUTHWARK AGAINST GOVERNMENT ATTACKS

March 23rd's Funeral for Democracy attracted coverage on BBC and ITV local news, and a sympathetic public response. The hearse was met at County Hall by Lesley Hammond (GLC Councillor, Dulwich), Illyd Harrington, Deputy Leader of the GLC, John McDonnell (Chair of Finance and Admin Cttee), Cllr Valerie Wise (Chair of Women's Committee) and the Chair of Arts and Recreation Cttee,

The wreaths were received by MP's Simon Hughes (Bermondsey) and Harriet Harman (Peckham) at Westminster Bridge.

The advertisement was published in the South London Press on April 19th, signed by 41 groups, and 50 individuals, Thanks everyone.

### PLANS

The next SAGA meeting will decide what to do after the GLC petition is handed in.

Meanwhile - SAGA will have stalls at forthcoming Southwark events. Volunteers always needed SAGA now has badges, balloons, and leaflets for your use, and will run a stall for your event - but please give us lots of notice. SAGA is only as strong as **you** make it - so if you do not come to SAGA - please do.

### Confused?

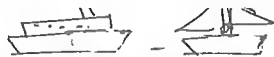
SCVS has a simple guide to GLC abolition, transport, rate-capping and ILEA cuts - and what you can do about it. Contact Jane Belman 732 3731

## Dachwyng Family Centre

The Dachwyng Family Centre have the following groups and classes: Parents and toddlers Adults English, Typing, Dancing, Playgroup, Homecraft, Knitting, Sewing, Cooking, Keep-fit, Games, Advice and counselling.

The Centre is at 2&3 Hordle Promenade East (between the Community Centre and the Laundry), North Peckham Estate, SE15. The Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3 pm and from 7pm to 10pm. For full details ring 701 5110.

## ACTION IN DOCKLANDS



Tuesday March 17th saw a Docklands armada of 6 boats sail up the Thames to a welcome by Ken Livingstone at County Hall.

About 250 people from Bermondsey and Rotherhithe filled one boat; others came from North Woolwich, The Isle of Dogs, Shadwell and Wapping - all organised by the Joint Docklands Action Group. At London Bridge, morning commuters were leafleted by people dressed as houses and office blocks. Outside Guys Hospital street theatre from members of Charterhouse Youth Club showed patients being turned away from Guys because of cuts - tenants and hospital workers then marched to a private hospital in Chambers Wharf.

Mrs Thatcher visited the LDDC's Southwark Site on April 13th, with Bob Mellish (vice chair of the LDDC) and Cllr John O'Grady (member of the LDDC board), as part of a tour of several Docklands sites. Local residents and groups, who are concerned that Docklands development should provide homes and jobs for local people, made their views clear outside the site, and at Cherry Garden Pier where the tour arrived.

## SOUTHWARK MONITORING PROJECT

Southwark Monitoring Project, run by Southwark Black Workers Group, is a campaigning organisation, in the forefront of the civil liberties campaign to ensure the rule of law and equal respect and treatment for all of Southwarks citizens.

### POLICING SURVEY

The project has been granted funds to conduct a survey, the first of its kind in Southwark, to ascertain the views of black residents regarding:

- a) The Criminal Courts
- b) The Police

The researchers will be travelling around the borough to interview residents from a wide age and occupational background. Would any black citizens who wishes to make themselves available to be interviewed please contact the project.

### 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Open to white and black young people and adults, this telephone service offers help if you or someone you know has been arrested, assaulted, is a victim of racial harassment etc. Volunteers are needed for this vital service.

Contact the project at 8 Camberwell Green, SE5  
Tel. 703 1906/7

This is also the emergency telephone number

## SOUTHWARK WOMENS ACTION GROUP

SWAG was inaugurated in October 1983 at a public meeting attended by about 60 women in Southwark. The organisation exists to bring women together to discuss issues that concern them and promote women's interests in Southwark. In order to do this it was decided to seek funds from the GLC for a **Mobile Womens Centre** in the form of a converted double decker bus with a creche and meeting space and information service. The group also applied to the GLC for money for 2 workers to run the bus project. The workers are now in post and the bus is in the process of being converted. The workers are Caroline Foster and Debiann Currie and Jane Hartwell who are job-sharing one of the posts.

Jane was previously a bus driver with London Transport. The workers are now beginning to get a programme of activities together by talking to women in the borough and will be producing publicity about this in due course.

At the same time a grant has also been obtained from Southwark Womens Committee to renovate the old Peckham Action Group premises in Peckham High Street to create meeting space and office use for womens groups in Southwark which do not have their own space. These premises have one worker now in post and job shared by Jane Armstrong and Madu Patel.

The premises are not yet finished and all the workers are operating from a temporary base.

If you would like to meet them and find out more about SWAG they can be contacted via Veronica Ward at SCVS - 732 3731.

### NB DON'T FORGET

SWAG also has a Mobile Creche kit. If you have a meeting, discussion group, social event, and you need toys for a creche, you can hire all or part of the kit. It costs £5 if you have funds and is free if you have not. The £5 fee means this project can be self-funding. It is temporarily kept at SCVS until the new premises at 2,4,6 Peckham High Street are ready. Phone Veronica - 732 3731.

## COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Southwark Council has advertised free Exhibition, demonstration, display and advertising space at the Community Arts Festival in June. Groups can apply for space at the following events:

**POECKHAM RYE GALA**

**BELAIR GALA WEEKEND**

**SOUTHWARK PARK SPORTS & FUN WEEKEND**

Closing date for applications is **FRIDAY 11th MAY 1984**. Further details from Entertainments Manager, 28 Peckham Road SE5 8PY



# JOBS

## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT WORKER

SCVS Employment Unit needs a 3rd worker to share the work of the team and to develop training and employment initiatives, especially with women's groups and other organisations in the black community in Southwark. Experience of organising training events, developing projects, Trade Union or community action and a commitment to eliminating racism and sexism necessary.

Experience more important than qualifications. Salary £9345 - 9903 inc. L.W. GLC and London Borough of Southwark funded.

SCVS aims to be an Equal Opportunities Employer and applications from all sections of the com-

munity including Black candidates will be welcome. The worker will be expected to be member of the relevant trade union - ACTSS.

More details and an application form write to SCVS 135, Rye Lane, London SE15

Closing date 3rd May 1984

Walworth Pensioners Project needs an Organiser to run the Employment Bureau

20 hours a week, approx £60 take home. The Organiser would need to interview applicants and liaise with employers in the placing of retired people in work. More information phone: 703 5066

PRISONERS WIVES SERVICE urgently needs a DIRECTOR whose main responsibility will be public relations and representing PWS,

PWS is an independent charitable organisation using women volunteer visitors to offer friendship support and information to families of men in prison. A lively, socially concerned person who is willing to work flexible part-time hours is wanted. Honorarium and expenses by agreement.



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## NEWSLETTER

### LBS GRANTS

If your organisations receives a recurrent grant from Southwark council (other than from Social Services) you should by now have received papers from the Council which revise conditions of Grant Aid, financial procedures for the payment of Grant Aid, and the voluntary sector's obligations to provide financial accounts. This is an attempt by the council to standardise and tighten its procedure, and overcome some problems which have arisen in the past.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY AND CONSIDER IF THE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

There has been some broad-based consultation after the floating of a consultative paper by the council last year on "The Council and the Non-Statutory Sector - Criteria and Funding".

However, no-one is claiming that the detailed consultation has taken place on the points made in the paper. The Council is using them as a working document for six months and will then review the proposals.

It is expected that community organisations will have comments to make and accept that these will lead to some changes. The matter will go back to the Community Affairs Committee in November or December.

Very few organisations took an interest in the earlier general stages of discussions of the Council's consultative process. It is important that people do now consider carefully how the proposals will affect their organisations. SCVS has had two letters already expressing concern, and we will be pleased to co-ordinate a response.

Please let us have your written views. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the matter at a General Meeting of SCVS on 23rd October (see separate item in this newsletter).

It is useful if in letters to SCVS you would note the points you particularly welcome and want kept as well as things you feel should be changed. Please also let us know if you are happy for your views to be circulated to other voluntary organisations before the meeting on 23rd October.

It has not been decided yet whether Social Services Committee grants will be affected. Social Services already has a well worked out procedure and one which SCVS's consultation suggests is well regarded by voluntary organisations.

Social Services conditions of grant and monitoring requirements are public documents and it may help you to have these for comparison with the new Community Affairs Committee proposals. You can get a copy from the Social Services Community Liaison Section, Castle House, Tel. 703 6363.

### URBAN AID

Southwark Council invites local organisations and groups to submit projects for consideration under the Government's Urban Programme. Funded projects begin after April 1985 for the financial year 85/6 and the following four years. Projects should be Southwark based and benefit people or areas of the Borough with particular social needs. (Projects which operate with in the London docklands Development Corporation area are not eligible to apply).

The range of projects which are eligible include: cultural, educational, environmental, social and recreational schemes.

Applications forms are available from Ruth Geall, Room 4.04, Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5 8UB or telephone 703 6311 ext.2251.

The closing date for the return of completed application forms is Monday 3rd September 1984.

NB forms are also available from SCVS, and also help with filling in your form. SCVS is running surgeries this year on 4 days. There is still time to see us, and the remaining surgeries are on

Thursday 9th August, 2 pm - 7.30 pm

Thursday 23rd August, 2 pm - 8 pm

Thursday 30th August, 3 pm - 7.30 pm

and members of the town hall staff will also be present at the surgeries.

We have now seen the Draft Circular(25) and been asked to comment briefly. The criteria remain the same. The final circular is still not out at the time of writing. Again the indications are a cut in Urban Aid. The most obvious is that the ceiling on revenue funding is reduced from £50,000 to £40,000. Some projects have been finding it difficult to put together viable projects on £50,000, so a reduction to £40,000 is a severe blow.

On time expired projects the wording is now much stronger on refunding than in previous years. The circular now says "Alternative sources of funding should wherever possible be sought." This of course comes at a time when alternative sources are least likely to be available.

Thank you very much to those projects which responded to a question from us about what the implications of part funding have been for their project. We relayed this to the DOE with our protests about the reduced revenue funding and the tighter approach to time-expired projects.

We will keep you informed through the Newsletter of any developments.



## ADVICE SESSION CHANGE

Advice Centre in the Blue now has its evening sessions from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Daytime sessions are still the same.

Staff from the Community Health Council are now available at the Advice Centre every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 12.00 to advise people on health issues.

## Premises

We have details of some office accommodation in SE1 which is available to let. Phone Gillie or Fieldworkers on 732 3731.

## Anti-Neuk Films

Peckham CND has a selection of videos that they will come and show to groups and organisations, and they can arrange to bring the video equipment and television with them if necessary. Contact Martin Whiteside, 64 Pennethorne Road - phone 732 3790 (home) or 928 0711 (work)

## CRECHE WORKERS SCHEME

If your group needs to run a creche so that women can attend a course, meeting or class, you can apply for a grant from the Women's Equality Unit. They will grant funds to pay a creche worker for up to 4 hours a week. You should apply now for creche hours during September to March. Deadline is 20th August, forms from: Creche Project, Women's Equality Unit, 8 Peckham High Street, SE15, tel. 701 9096.

## WOMENS COMMITTEE

The next Women's Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 4th September at the Town Hall, 7pm. There will be a discussion about how the committee should spend the rest of its grants money.

## Dachwyng Womens Group

2/3 Hordle Promenade East, North Peckham Estate, Peckham, London SE15

Telephone: 01-701 5110

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## Your Rights on Arrest

Southwark Monitoring Project has produced a pocket-sized card explaining what your rights are. We have a supply of them here or you can get them from SMP - phone 703 1906

## 60 Plus

Pitt Street Settlement has produced a guide to Welfare Rights and Social Activities called 60 PLUS? Life in Retirement on Your Estate. The booklet is free - copies from Pitt Street Settlement 703 4775

## THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU CONTACT YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL



*They certainly do!*

## COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Lewisham & North Southwark Community Health Council is having a publicity drive to encourage people to go to meetings and make their voices heard. Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 7th Aug, Court Room, Guy's Hosp

Tuesday 4th Sept. CHC Offices

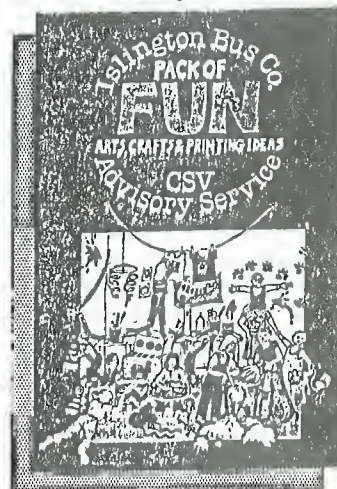
Tuesday 2nd Oct. Court Room, Guy's Hosp

Tuesday 6th Nov. CHC Offices

Tuesday 4th December, Court Room Guy's Hosp

All at 7.30pm. more details - 690 8777

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It costs £5 + £1 p+p.

## DAY WORKSHOPS ON RACE EQUALITY IN EMPLOYMENT

This was held at Bells Gardens Community Centre on Monday 16th July. and all the participants found it stimulating and worthwhile. 10 organisations sent one or more representative and some of the facilitators for the workshops came from organisations already developing an equal opportunity policy.

Herman Ouseley and Pam Nanda started the day by giving some of the background to the GLC anti racism policy and recounting some of their experiences. A survey of the voluntary sector carried out by the GLC had revealed that the voluntary sector was doing little beyond making statements about equal opportunities, but that it remained an important section of the community which can influence beyond its own bounds.

We discussed the complexities of the Race Relations Act and how best to advertise jobs. We looked at the influence of power groups within organisations, other than the formal ones, eg staff meetings; the importance of the interviewing process and the need to look closely at service delivery. Having black staff will make little difference if the organisation continues to meet white needs only.

The workshops discussed the many issues and difficulties which participants had met in their own organisations, and at the end of the day three groups put together a checklist for working towards creating a genuinely anti racist voluntary organisation. These will go in the form of notes to all participants. If any other organisation would like a copy please let us know.

It was disappointing that more organisations did not attend but we realise it was a bad time of year. Because of this we are putting on a second workshop which will be on Monday, 29th October, and details will be with the next Newsletter.

If a Monday is a hopeless day for members of Management Committees we will be happy to set up a day on a weekend. Perhaps you could let us know about this.

## UNDER FIVES FORUM

The Under Fives Forum is organising a series of  $\frac{1}{2}$  day workshops on looking at bias in Children's Books - an introductory session on how racist attitudes may affect the attitudes of under Fives workers and the play materials that children are offered.

The next workshop will take place in the North of the Borough.

The next meeting of the Under Fives Forum will be on Tuesday 11th September at 12.30 - 2.00 at SCVS.

## SPECIAL MEETING

Member organisations who were present at our Annual General Meeting felt it would be useful to have another meeting later in the year.

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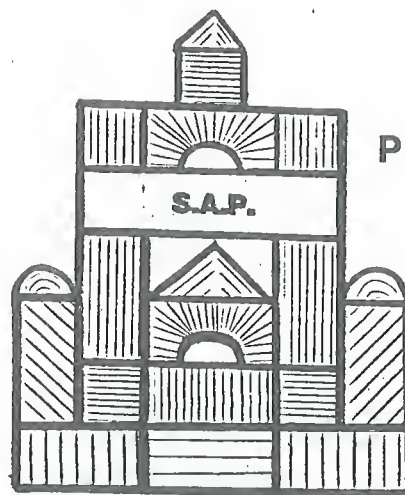
invites all its member organisations to a

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

ON Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm

The meeting will probably take place at 135 Rye Lane, but all our members will be receiving full details and papers during September. One of the items for discussion will be the Council's grants monitoring procedure. SCVS's members will also be asked to endorse the Employment Unit's work on Homeworking by supporting the Homeworking Charter which was drawn up at a recent conference on Homeworking.

SCVS'S MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING.



**SOUTHWARK ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY**

At the Conference held on 23rd June at the town Hall, a new organisation for play was formed, to be called **SOUTHWARK ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY.**

Its main aims are to be able to provide information, support and resources to local groups concerned about the provision of play space and play activities, and to work with the Council and ILEA to develop an effective policy for play provision.

Members are now being sought. SCVS is continuing to support this play initiative and all details can be obtained from Jenny Williams.

## Playcentres

SCVS has details of Southwark's Playcentre facilities for schoolchildren this summer. Ring 732 3731 if you want details.



## JOBS

### Financial advisor

25 hours a week required by Mary Ward Financial Advice Centre, which is expanding to provide day-time advice sessions and to develop financial services for community groups. An accountant with relevant experience would be preferred, or someone with experience of the following: debt management, tax, pensions, investment advice for pensioners and those with redundancy payments, and related welfare benefits.

Salary £9000 pro rata. Initially funded to April 86. Equal Opportunities Employer.  
Contact Denise Quilty, tel. 831 7079.

### ASSISTANT WOMEN'S PROJECT OFFICER

required by LBS Employment and Training Division to develop and support training and employment initiatives for local women. **Salary; £9,345-£9,903 inc.**  
Closing date: August 20th.  
More details + app. form - 701 2870

### General Handyman

... can do most repairs, plumbing, woodwork, electrical etc. Specialises in working for the elderly, housebound and people with disabilities and can make special arrangements to suit their needs, ie evening visits. Reasonable rates.

Contact Gillie Sharp at SCVS - 732 3731

**NB** - This man badly needs a workshop/garage/shed space where he can do repairs (preferably accessible to wheelchairs and with power and water supply). Contact Gillie if you know of anywhere suitable.

### SHELTER Volunteers

... to help with an innovative programme of fund-raising events in Central London. They will be doing Street Theatre, Carol Concerts, Street Collections and a major benefit concert. If you can help in any way get in touch with Ian Coldwell at Shelter, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1 633 9377.

### Recording Channel 4

Channel 4 now has a scheme called the Television Programme Recording Licence Scheme which allows you to legitimately record designated Channel 4 programmes for educational and training use.

You have to apply for registration to:  
TV Programme Recording Licence Dept  
Guild Learning  
Guild House  
Peterborough PE2 9PZ

### Coming Event

October 6th is going to be a day for older women at Bells Gardens Community Centre. There will be entertainment, activities and discussions. More detailed publicity coming soon.

## Gay Rights

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality is trying to assess the current nature and scope of discrimination and want to hear from people about cases they are aware of. Please contact one of the following, or invite the gay person involved to do so:

CHE Employment Group - 24 hour answering service- 359 3973

Gay Rights at Work: 7 Pickwick Court, SE9 4SA

### Attacks on Social Security

The National Campaign Against Social Security Cuts has been relaunched with the following objectives:

- 1) To organise a national conference to formally launch the campaign, and plan activity.
- 2) To produce a bulletin giving information on government attacks, details of local campaigns.
- 3) To investigate campaigning tactics
- 4) To gain wide media coverage.

The campaign's aims are:

- 1) To oppose cuts in benefits
- 2) To oppose harassment of claimants by DHSS and Dept of Employment investigation teams.
- 3) To oppose all discrimination in the benefit system
- 4) To demand a substantial increase in the real value of benefits.

The campaign needs support and help for the conference. If you want to get in touch with them write to:  
National Campaign Against Social Security Cuts,  
43 Broughton Street, Edinburgh EH1 3JU

## !ATTENTION PLEASE!

SCVS is very short staffed at the moment (staff holidays during August, plus a vacant fieldwork post). Barbara, who is usually here four days a week to help people using our equipment, will be away for two months. This means we will **not** be able to let people come in casually to use the equipment.

We will be closing the office to users from 20th to 31st August. (The Urban Aid surgeries scheduled for 23rd and 30th will still happen though).

So - from now until the beginning of October, can you please try to go somewhere else for photocopying, printing etc. as we won't be in a position to give you very much help!

We do hope this won't cause too many people too much inconvenience. We will be back to something near normal (?) for October.



Southwark

# Council for Voluntary Service

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## NEWSLETTER EXTRA CUTS SPECIAL

### RATE CAPPING

Long anticipated and now definite. Southwark's Public Services will be hit in three ways - Rate Capping of the GLC of ILEA and of the Council.

The Government requires of Southwark Council alone that it cut back £19 million. A statement from the Council is attached. SCVS Executive has decided:

- \* That the focus must be on the loss of services irrespective of whether they happen to be provided by a voluntary or statutory agency.
- \* That we will ask Southwark Council to arrange a meeting for community organisations at which the Council can explain the Government's proposals and its own reactions
- \* That SCVS must make special links with CVS's in other Rate Capped areas and develop policies with them. LVSC has accepted a request from SCVS and Camden CSS to initiate such meetings.
- \* SCVS will also use its influence to encourage national voluntary organisations to recognise the need for solidarity in defence of local services.
- \* That we are opposed to divisive concerns to save "charities" without regard to the many community organisations which do not have charitable status.
- \* That we will ask Southwark Council to pass a resolution similar to the one passed recently by Camden Council pledging defence of services and jobs irrespective of whether they happen to be in the voluntary or statutory sector
- \* SCVS will continue to work with SAGA (Southwark Against Government attacks on Local Democracy)

### SECTION 137

#### FUNDING

A recent Government amendment to the Paving bill means that all money paid by the GLC under 137 powers after 1st April 1985 will have to be approved by the Government.

This applies even where grants have already been approved into 1985/6 as it relates to the act of payment. Some people have thought that the amendment only applies to grants over £100,000. However, the £100,000 refers to another amendment, which is of less importance to the voluntary sector.

Each and every grant under 137 power is affected, however small. Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act is the authority under which voluntary groups are most commonly funded.

SCVS has written to the secretary of State for the Environment pointing out the problems of increased bureaucracy, centralisation of decision making, and the danger that the O of E will not devise procedures and reach decisions in time to save organisations making staff redundant.

The Paving Bill is returning to the Commons from the Lords on 30th July and will then presumably quickly pass the final stages to become an Act. However, even after this it would be worth writing to the Secretary of State about how your organisation will be affected.

A copy should go to your MP and to Councillor John McDonnell at the GLC, and SCVS would like one too, to help us keep in touch.

#### GOVERNMENT AND THE GLC: VIEWS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, A SURVEY LVSC £1.

This report describes a study of 418 voluntary sector submissions to the White Paper "Streamlining the Cities".

One of the most remarkable facts to come out of this survey is the attitude of the 418 organisations to the proposals. Only one was in favour, 3.1% gave no clear answer, and 96.7% (404) were against.



## TOWARDS A COMMON STRATEGY

Paper by Councillor Tony Ritchie, Leader of the Council

What is important is that in the coming months the Labour Movement develop a common approach which can unite Labour Authorities in Local Government who are at risk, whether they are rate-capped or not. Our problem is that we are all in different situations - for some Authorities rate-capping may mean inevitable confrontation or surrender whilst others, because of balances, reserve or special funds, creative accounting etc., could survive year one of rate-capping and possibly year two as well. On the other hand, there are Authorities which might escape rate-capping but who, because of increased penalties, will face unacceptable rate increases, possibly of the order of 50% to stand still. For many Authorities the question has not been "is confrontation inevitable?" but "when will confrontation lead to victory?"

It would seem sensible to attempt to adopt a strategy which would unite the largest number of at risk Authorities, keep the risk of surcharge to a minimum, have the backing of the Council Trade Unions, and involve no compromise on jobs and services.

We should start with the acceptance of a common policy of "no redundancies and no cuts in services". By the former we should mean no job losses - i.e. no overall reduction in jobs, no voluntary redundancy schemes, no recruitment drag/non-filling of vacancies.

If that can be accepted as our starting point (and that does not rule out the possibility of identifying savings without affecting jobs or services or changing the methods of delivery of services) it provides the basis for mobilising the support of the Trade Unions. We need also to gain the support of the N.E.C. and the Parliamentary Leadership for actions designed to support such a stance. In this context, the Local Government Conference which takes place in Sheffield this weekend, must be significant, but the party Conference in October is crucial. Last year's N.E.C. statement is useful, but it needs to be firmed-up and endorsed by conference in order to fully commit the Leadership to support those Councils in the frontline.

The adoption of a particular course of action at this time does not rule out other options - no final decisions are going to be taken immediately. We need to take one step at a time (we have already taken the first step on our refusal to consider applying for derogation under any circumstances) but we need to take the offensive and force the Government to react which will be a reversal of the present situation. If we act together we can do this, so far most of the debate has been about how we might avoid confrontation with Government.

A number of different proposals have been put forward which would suit some Councils but not others. One of the problems is that we are rarely in exactly the same position, and certainly not at the same time. It is not the intention of this paper to examine in detail all the options currently under discussion or to reject any. There needs to be the fullest discussion about all of them - mass resignation, deficit budgeting, a 50-week budget, rescheduling loans, defaulting on debt repayments, minority opposition, etc. Clearly however, some are bound not to be universally acceptable.

There are two views of mass resignation - one, that Local Government is now totally the agent of Central Government and that we need to end the pretence by having nothing more to do with it, and the other, that we should resign en masse and seek a renewed mandate from our electorates. The former is unlikely to find much support amongst Councillors or in the Party and most would agree that it would be seen as the Labour Party abrogating its responsibilities and handing over any power or influence to the Tories and the S.D.P. Liberal Alliance, the second has some attractions but it also has dangers. Only Labour seats would be up for re-election so that there is no opportunity of increasing majority and a possible danger of losing some seats. In some boroughs that could mean the loss of control of the Council. It could also mean handing over control, for a period pending the elections, to our opponents who could do irreparable damage in that time. If we were to keep sufficient Councillors to ensure a majority pending the elections, in many Boroughs this would mean only one or two resignations. Whatever the merits this tactic may have, it is hardly likely to gain the support of the majority of at risk Authorities

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and in any case, even if all seats are held with increased majorities and a new mandate obtained, the Councils would find themselves in exactly the same position as the day before. If it were possible, it might be a useful additional weapon but it is not a solution. Resignation and fighting by-elections might be a useful mechanism for enabling Members who cannot risk surcharge to be replaced by others prepared to take such a risk.

A rate capped Authority may be forced into cutting services or producing deficit budgets, similarly, many Labour Authorities would be faced with the alternative of cutting services or imposing wholly unacceptable rate increases (20/30% or even 50% plus rate increases may be justifiable once-off, but not on an annual or bi-annual basis) and so a deficit budget becomes a realistic option. If, however, several councils adopt this option there is no precise point of time at which a Local Authority can be identified as running out of funds and, indeed, it will differ from Council to Council.

Apart from the option of concerted action of withholding debt repayments, the one course of action that would bring us all to the same point at the same time - whether rate-capped or not - would be the refusal to, or failure to make a rate. The Liverpool example has shown that this does provide an opportunity for building a case and mobilising support. This must be done not just by one Authority, but by a number of Authorities, and we must not be in a position whereby one Authority is asked to carry on the whole fight at the expense of the rest of the movement. We must also ensure, if we are to pursue this strategy, that we have the full support of the Trade Unions, Party Conference, the N.E.C., Tenants' Movements and the Parliamentary party.

Our refusal should not be on the basis that the rate-capped Authorities want to raise higher rates than that specified, but that the reduced level of Government Grants makes it impossible for the Council to meet its obligations. This would mean a common argument for the non-capped and heavily penalised Councils. Evidence suggests that this course of action would not lead immediately to Court action or surcharge, and that some income would still be coming into the Council from rent (and probably inclusive of rates payments) as well as probably from government by way of rate support grants, since they would wish to ensure the debt charges continued to be paid.

During this process, it is important for us to show that we are acting as responsibly as the Government will allow us to act. We should make and prepare and announce our budget at the earliest possible stage. We should also indicate that the budget is a budget that would provide services to the community and provide jobs within the community, but that we will be unable to implement that budget unless the government restores the R.S.G. and subsidies that it has removed from Southwark over the past three to four years.

The Tories are keen to weaken and divide us. Derogation is one such tactic of government and it is pleasing that all at risk Authorities appear to have rejected that temptation. That unity needs to be maintained and built upon, the 'no-rate' option provides an opportunity to do just that.

Councillor Tony Ritchie  
Leader of the Council  
3rd July 1984



# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

## NEWSLETTER

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### CASH STILL AVAILABLE

Any groups wishing to do something with a piece of derelict space in their area can receive up to £500. The money is to be spent on paying someone who will develop your idea into a workable proposition.

Applications must be from a Voluntary Group having a formal constitution, or having sponsorship from another group (CVS or CRC etc.)

The site must be damaged or vacant and must be available for a minimum of three years from the time of the application.

For more information contact:  
Trevor Watling on 388 0241.

### TRAINING

SCVS has details of a wide range of training courses being run in the Autumn. there's only room to give brief details here. We suggest you ring the relevant organisations for programmes/details/brochures.

Inter-Action Centre's brochure is called 'Practical Training'. They offer courses on Community Arts, Media, Organisation, and Environmental matters. (eg Community Gardening). Contact The Training Administrator, Inter Action Centre, 15 Wilkin Street, NW5 3NG Tel 267 9421

Southwark Welfare Rights have courses on a variety of topics through to early December (free to people living or working in Southwark) Ring Debbie on 703 6311 ext 2084 for a programme.

Community Work Service at LVSC have a course on 'Organising Campaigns' on Thurs 13th Sept. tutored by Sue Ward. Ring the Training Unit, CWS, LVSC - 388 0241 closing date Aug. 24th.

Same contact (but no closing date yet) for "Working in Collectives and Cooperatives". 15th & 16th October, run by Shirley Orr and Sharon Collins.

### COST OF ABOLITION OF THE GLC TO SOUTHWARK RATEPAYERS

The Borough treasurer has estimated that the average domestic rate bill will rise by £1.19 per week if the GLC is abolished. Some information on how this figure is provided is in the minutes of the meeting of Southwark Council on 11th July 1984.

### JOB

Charterhouse Toy Library require a part time Toy Library Worker for an established and recently renovated toy library in Crosby Row, SE1. Minimum of 10 hours per week; possible increase to 17½ hours; responsibilities include working with both adults and children. Local people encouraged to apply.

£4.44 per hour (AP4 pro rata)

Closing date 10th August.

Details from 40 Tabard Street SE1  
Telephone 407 1123

(see overleaf for another job vacancy)

Alcohol Counselling Service are running 3 course on "An Introduction to the Assessment and Counselling of People with Alcohol Related Problems". contact them on 737 3579/3570.



### JOB AT SCVS

A post of fieldwork is vacant following the departure of Jane Belman.

There are two other fieldworkers, and with three administrators and the General Secretary they make up a team which is responsible for the broad range of SCVS work informing, supporting, defending and developing the voluntary sector and helping represent the voluntary sector's needs to Government and Council.

The person appointed will share the work of helping groups that come in for advice on grant applications, assistance in working out their constitutions, and a wide range of other issues important to new groups.

He/she will also be expected to share in the full range of fieldworkers' work for community groups and voluntary organisations in Southwark.

The worker will also share responsibility for servicing and developing the Black and Asian Interest Group. This is a group of black and asian community organisations which are members of SCVS.

Given the present balance of fieldwork and the demands currently being received by SCVS it would be particularly welcome if applicants have extensive involvement with Black or Asian self-help groups. The person appointed will need to have had a lot of experience in order to be able to offer advice and support to community groups in difficulty. It does not matter whether she/he obtained this experience in a paid or unpaid capacity but it is essential that she/he is very knowledgeable about community/self-help groups, and is now able to educate and support others.

The Salary is at present on Scale 5 (AP4) and would start at the mid point SP26 (£7650 + £1191 London Weighting). SCVS is seeking re-grading of the post to Scale 6 (AP5). The start point would then be £8154 + £1191.

If you would like more information about this post please write to SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

Closing Date: 19th September 1984.

If you know of suitable candidates please will you help us by drawing the post to their attention.

The job is funded by the London Borough of Southwark.



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## NEWSLETTER

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

A Special General Meeting of SCVS will be held on Tuesday 23rd October, 7.30 at SCVS 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

The meeting has been organised in response to suggestions made at the AGM for there to be more opportunities for the membership of SCVS to meet together to discuss policy issues of current importance to the voluntary sector.

It is an opportunity for members to be consulted and to find out and question what SCVS Executive and staff have been doing. If this meeting is going to be useful it is important that all member groups try to send a representative along. It is also important that member organisations should contribute to setting the agenda - so if you have an issue that you would like to raise please let the staff know before 26th Sept. when the draft agenda will be drawn up.

SCVS Executive are putting forward the following items for the agenda:

- 1) LBS Monitoring of voluntary Organisations proposals (see August Newsletter)
- 2) Homeworking - Endorsement of Charter, put forward by the Employment Unit.
- 3) Government Cuts & Local Authority Spending - what's happening and how it may affect the voluntary sector.

If you have any other suggestions for agenda items or how the meeting should be run we would be pleased to hear from you.

All member organisations will receive the Agenda and papers before 5th October.

### CUTS

#### SECTION 137 FUNDING

We reported in the last Newsletter that SCVS had written to the Secretary of State for the Environment protesting about a government amendment to the Paving Bill which would mean that all money paid by the GLC under Section 137 will have to be approved by the government. SCVS wrote pointing out the problems of increased bureaucracy and undesirability of centralising decision making.

SCVS has now received a reply from the D of E on behalf of the Secretary of State reiterating assurances made by him in the House on 30th April:

"The Government are committed to the voluntary sector. Under various powers we currently give about £150 millions a year to the voluntary sector. Our stated aim is to ensure that adequate funding arrangements are made for the period after abolition...."

"We do not want to become the judge of whether, and how much, support should be given to this body or that body.. The purpose of the Lords' amendment is to prevent the use of the clause resulting in the alienation of assets which should be available for the successor authorities."

But then the reply goes on to state: "Each application for specific consent will be considered on its merits..." so applications for such funding for London are at the mercy of what the government thinks of them. Again we come up against the prospect of government deciding what is "worthwhile".

Also under the paving legislation is the insistence by the Secretary of State that contracts over £100,000 made by the GLC must from now on receive his assent. The Guardian Diary has been listing them as light relief for their readers. They include items from contracts for tea bags and oven fried chicken in County Hall and all ILEA schools, to tenants transfers and an access road to a refuse station in Wandsworth.

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## SCVS RESPONSE

SCVS Executive agreed to put two resolutions to the Councils for Voluntary Service National Association (CVS-NA) Annual Conference, held 8th-10th September.

One covers the issue of Section 137 (see above) funding and the issue of ministers and civil servants deciding what is "worth-while". The other expresses extreme concern about the abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan Counties and urges all members and NCVO to support local authorities' stand against the erosion of services.

Both Jenny Stiles and Peter Fell (Vice Chair of SCVS) are attending this conference and they are also attending a meeting of CVS's working in places where the local authority is likely to be rate-capped, so that some joint strategies can be discussed.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS WEEK OF ACTION

November 5th - 11th

The Community Work Service at the London Voluntary Service Council (LVSC) is convening meetings now to plan action during this week.

Also in that week there will be a mass lobby of Parliament on Thursday 8th and the Democracy for London Campaign are organising a strike for 7th to coincide with the State Opening of Parliament.

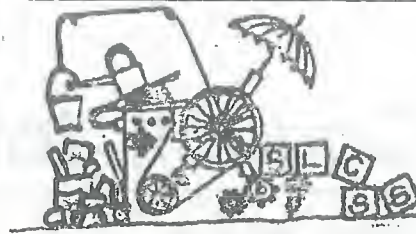
Groups will focus activities around the threat to the voluntary sector from abolition and rate capping. Suggested activities include exhibitions, open days, social events, bonfire parties with anti-abolition/ratecapping themes, 'before and after' events to focus on the cost of services if rate capping hits individual voluntary projects, and community transport cavalcades

SAGA (Southwark Against Government Attacks on Local Democracy) had its first meeting to plan events for this week in Southwark on Monday 10th September.

Please try to come to the planning meetings. Future meetings will be advertised in the Newsletter or you can phone SCVS for dates. Look out for news of activities planned for this week.

## RATE-CAPPING NEWS

A regular 'Abolition Mailing' is being circulated by the Community Work Service of the London Voluntary Service Council to help voluntary organisations keep up to date on Rate capping and the Abolition of the GLC. Organisations can be added to the mailing list by contacting CWS, 68 Chalton St., NW1 Tel. 388 0241



## SCRAP PROJECT

### SOUTH LONDON CHILDREN'S SCRAP PROJECT

The scrap project will be open from October 1st. It is at the Highways Division Depot, Verdant Lane, Catford SE6 (Bus no. 124). The scheme will supply clean, safe waste for use by children's groups for arts and crafts - fabric scraps, card, paper, plastic waste, buttons, yarn etc. etc.

## NEW PROJECTS

### DEPRESSIVES ANONYMOUS

Depressives anonymous is a national association of people with personal experience of depression, who believe that by joining together they can help themselves and others. They are keen to set up new groups in London and will be holding a meeting on Saturday October 8th at Grouplinks, 25 Bertram Street, N19 (time yet to be fixed). It is hoped that the first of a series of groups in London will be formed at this meeting. If you want to know more or would like to go to the meeting, contact Pat Freya 36 Chestnut Avenue, Beverley, N. Humberside, HU17 9QU

### FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

This project is concerned with the health and welfare of black and ethnic minority women in London, and is already being used by Social Services departments, particularly on problems of mental stress in African and Arab women in London. It will be setting up an information and resource centre

### YOUNG PEOPLE

The National Association of Young People in Care is trying to establish a branch in Southwark. The organisation is a self-help one for young people who are, or have been in care. A few young people in Southwark are already interested in a Southwark branch and would like to hear from anyone interested in joining them. They would also like to hear from anyone else who is interested in NAYPIC's work. Tel 359 9392 or 9402

## RACISM & YOUTH

The National Youth Bureau has produced a booklet which gives advice on recognising and combatting racism in Youth Work. Price 95p from N.Y.B. 17-23 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 6GD

## ACCESS IN LONDON

This is a guide for people who have problems getting around - whether with steps, distances, wheelchairs, crutches, the elderly or people with young children, the hard of hearing or partially sighted. It's published by Nicholson and costs £2.25.

## WOMEN AND DRINK

This is the subject of a video film to be shown at 2-6 Peckham High Street on 18th September at 11am. The film will be followed by an informal discussion. There will be a creche. Details from 737 3579.

## ILEA MEETING

A briefing meeting to discuss the Budget consultation document has been arranged for Wednesday 19th September at 7pm, at Warwick Park School, Peckham Road, SE15. This is a public meeting where ILEA Members and officers will explain the budget strategy and the circumstances in which ILEA finds itself as it draws up this budget. Sarah Newton, Room 4.04 in the Town Hall has some copies of the Budget Document.

## SHOPPING IN RYE LANE

Southwark Disablement Association has organised a shopping trip to Rye Lane - 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 2nd October. A number of shops from Marks & Spencer down to British Home Stores will be open. There is some transport available to take people who would not normally be able to get out to do their shopping. If you would like to join them phone 701 1391. They also need volunteers to help with driving, pushing wheelchairs and assisting disabled walkers.



The London Hazards Centre has been set up to provide Londoners - particularly trade unions, tenants and community groups - with information and advice on health hazards.

They can give advice, information and help on chemicals, noise, asbestos, machinery, lead, VDU's, shift work, dust, fumes, lighting, solvents etc. They can also help with organising health surveys, advise on legal aspects of health and safety and will speak to groups at meetings. They produce a Hazards Bulletin 5 times a year. You can affiliate to the London Hazards Centre for £5 a year. They are based at Polytechnic of the South Bank, 103 Borough Road, SE1 OAA

## HELP WITH INSURANCE

Consumers United Group Services is a workers cooperative offering free advice to voluntary organisations on insurance:- employers liability, motor insurance, fire theft and public liability etc. They can also advise on life insurance and pension schemes.

Contact Wendy McGuire, 833 2525.

## GRANTS

Grants up to £10,000 are available for registered charities from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Their Social Welfare Programme will fund schemes promoting neighbourhood employment/training, care and support services for local voluntary groups.

Details from Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 98 Portland Place, W1. 636 5313

## COURSES/CONFERENCES

### RACE EQUALITY WORKSHOP

Another Race Equality Workshop has been arranged for Monday 29th October, 10am to 4pm at Bells Gardens Community Centre. Phone Veronica Ward at SCVS (732 3731) for booking form and programme.

If this day is impossible for you but you are interested in the workshop please phone Veronica

**FUNDING CRISIS FOR ADVICE SERVICES** - a one day conference organised by London Advice Services Alliance. Sat. 13th October. Contact: Community Information Project, Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Rd., E2.

**ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS?** Thurs. 25th October 10am-5pm at 54 Chalton Street NW1. Details from Myra Garrett, 11 Trendell Ho., Dod Street, E14 by 12th Oct.

### WORKING WITH GROUPS

Tues. Weds. Thurs. 25th-27th Sept. at Connaught Hall, 41 Tavistock Sq. WC1. Details: Community Work Service, 633 0241.

### BASIC BOOK KEEPING

Fri. Oct. 5th or Fri. Nov. 23rd, 10am - 4pm One day course for people with little knowledge of book-keeping.

### BUDGETTING AND ACCOUNTS

Fri. Oct 12th or Fri. Nov. 30th. 10am - 4pm One day course covering preparation of accounts and budgetting etc.

Basic Book Keeping and Budgetting and Accounts cost £7 and will be at the Mary Ward Centre, 42 Queen Sq. WC1, Contact Denise Quilty, 831 7079.



## CHARTERHOUSE-IN-SOUTHWARK

40 TABARD STREET  
LONDON, S.E.1  
01-407 1123

### DIRECTOR

Charterhouse in Southwark has worked in Bermondsey and North Southwark for 99 years, concentrating on Church Mission and on Youth Work. In the last 10 years it has expanded, and now includes Women's Project, Toy Library, Intermediate Treatment Project and a children to the Country Scheme.

We are looking for a new Director, who need not necessarily be a C of E clergyman, but who must be in sympathy with and be able to support and direct the staff in all the above sections of the organisation, and to develop the Settlement's work.

Salary NJC Scale 4L, according to qualifications and experience. Accommodation available.

More information and application forms - 407 1123 or write to 40 Tabard St., SE1.

### THE CRECHE KIT HAS MOVED

to the Women's Centre at 1,4,6, Peckham High Street. Groups who need to use the kit should phone the Centre to book it (701 2564)

NB - it is particularly important that men collecting the kit make an appointment.

### CHAIRS WANTED

The Mama Yeabu Women's group in Penrose Street SE17 urgently needs about 30 chairs, and a table or two, for meetings. Please contact SCVS or CAB, Walworth Road (703 9109) if you can help.

### LYNDHURST WARD SURGERIES

These are now held in Dulwich Labour Rooms, 95 Grove Vale, SE22 on the fourth Saturday of each month.

SHOWING HERE - 26th SEPTEMBER AT 2.00pm DON'T MISS IT  
Large meeting room, SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15

## Striking back at the EMPIRES



A film about multinational companies and how workers at Ford and Kodak - aided by the GLC - are building international links to save jobs and control the power of these corporate empires.

Presented by: Ken Livingstone. Music by: Alexei Sayle

Made by I.B.T. for the Industry and Employment Branch of the Greater London Council.

SOUTHWARK LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY,  
JOHN HARVARD LIBRARY,  
211, BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
LONDON,  
SE1 1JA



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**OCTOBER 1984**

## NEWSLETTER

### COMMUNITY PRIDE WEEK 3RD - 10TH NOVEMBER

Community groups and voluntary organisations are providing valuable services to the community, but often do not publicise the work they are doing. Rate Capping and the abolition of the GLC will threaten the funding of many of these organisations, and the lobby to preserve this funding is getting stronger.

Now LVSC is asking all community groups and voluntary organisations to join in a **COMMUNITY PRIDE WEEK** 3rd - 10th November

In the House of Commons on 11th April, Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, accepted the 'need to preserve worthwhile voluntary endeavour' if the GLC were abolished, but made it clear that government proposals could not 'guarantee that all grants now paid to these bodies will continue'. Obviously, the government has its own ideas about what is and isn't worthwhile activity, and funding will be allocated on this basis. At the planning meeting for the campaign week it was felt that the idea of 'worthwhile' should be reclaimed by community groups - groups should bring home to the public, central government, and their users just what services will have to go if funding is stopped or is reduced. We should adopt the slogan "We're all worthwhile".

NB - SCVS WILL HAVE A STOCK OF PUBLICITY MATERIAL PRODUCED SPECIALLY FOR GROUPS TO USE. THERE ARE BANNERS, (approx. 12' long) STICKERS, BADGES, LEAFLETS ETC.

THIS IS THE LOGO:

**GLC FUNDED**  
**THREATENED... BY ABOLITION!**

Here are some of the activities your organisation can have during the week:

**PRODUCE A LEAFLET OR FACT SHEET** detailing your group's activities and funding sources.

**ARRANGE AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY** in a public place (shopping centre, library etc 'BEFORE & AFTER' - use this as a theme to show the difference between the free service provided now and the 'real cost of it without funding. (eg bread and water lunches for pensioners, large entrance fee notices outside playgroups and nurseries).

**INVITE LOCAL COUNCILLORS** to a public discussion on refunding of community groups and whether they will be able to afford it.

**JOIN THE LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT** on 8th Nov.

**HOLD AN OPEN DAY** - invite the public to see you at work.

**ORGANISE A GIANT BONFIRE** to start off the week of action. A list of public firework displays in London on 3rd/5th November is being compiled. The Planning Group are attempting to find marathon runners with torches to run from bonfire to bonfire, linking the events so that the media will pick it up.

**LET THE PLANNING GROUP KNOW** what you are doing so they can organise overall publicity.

The people to contact are **Chris Collins** **Tim Young**, at CWS 68 Chalton Street, NWL phone 388 0241. They will also be able to give you help and information, and tell you when the next planning meeting is etc.





# UNITED NATIONS 20TH - 28TH OCTOBER

**SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER**

10.15 for 10.30am

**THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG** over the Town Hall, Peckham Rd., by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Jim Greening, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony in the Council Chamber conducted by Cllr MM Kalia, the Revd Gerard O'Brien Imam Khaja Camaruddin, Miss Joan Rich, the Revd Roy Screech, Bikhu Thich Tri-Canh and the Revd W G Flaxman Vivian. The Rt Hon the revd the Lord Soper will speak briefly on the work of the United Nations and invite questions. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army.

10.30 - noon. 2 - 3.30pm

**ONE WORLD WEEK WORKSHOP** (for children 5-11 years). Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road. Tickets: 30p at the door. (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

**FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF APPEAL** Offers of help (1 or 2 hours) to Mrs V. George, 15 Gilkes Cresc. SE21 (tel 693 1500)

**SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER**

10.00am

**PARISH MASS FOR WORLD PEACE.**

Exhibition and tea afterwards in the Parish Hall. St. Mary's church, Newington, Kennington Park Road.

10.00am

**PARISH MASS WITH THE THEME OF ONE WORLD WEEK.** The Congregation will be glad to welcome visitors, especially from overseas, and for coffee afterwards. St. Giles Church, Camberwell Church Street.

2.00pm

**ONE WORLD BUS TOUR OF BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK** to look at links between Southwark and the Third World. Enquiries to Richard Bainbridge (tel. 732 1659) (Arranged by Southwark World Development Group).

6.00pm

**OPENING CEREMONY OF AFRICAN CULTURAL EXHIBITION** for Anti-Racist Year. 69 Peckham High Street. (Arranged by Pan African Organisation).

**MONDAY 22 OCTOBER**

7.30pm

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR ONE WORLD WEEK ("WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST")** at St John's Church, Goose Green.

**TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

7.30pm

**A DO-IT-OURSELVES-FOR-OTHERS WORLD AWARENESS EVENING.** Including Rich Person/Poor Person meal. St. Matthews Church, New Kent Road. (Arranged by North Southwark Deanery).

**WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER**

8.00pm

**UNITED NATIONS DAY**

**PROFESSOR JOHN MARSDEN: "THE OTHER BOMB - THE POPULATION EXPLOSION"** Dulwich Baths Reception Hall (entrance from Crystal Palace Road) (Arranged by southwark/Dulwich Branch of the United Nations Association).

**THURSDAY 25th OCTOBER**

7.45pm

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST - AND FOOD** Stalls, Exhibition, Discussion. Film: "Cliff (Richard) in Kenya". Food from around the world. United Reformed church, Red Post Hill. Tickets: 50p from local churches or at the door. (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

**FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER**

7 - 12 pm

**SOCIAL EVENING** 69 Peckham High Street. Tickets: £2 from 274 8793 or 352 Camberwell New Road, SE5. (Arranged by Southwark Council for Community Relations).

# ATIONS WEEK OCTOBER 1984



SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER

10.30 - noon. 2.00 - 3.30pm

**ONE WORLD WEEK WORKSHOP** (for children 5-11 years). Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road. Tickets: 30p at the door. (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

7.00pm

## **EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT**

Warwick park School, Peckham Rd.

Tickets: £1 from 737 2634 or at the door. (Arranged by South London Asian Youth Organisation).

7.30pm

**MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD** Southwark Singers of London conducted by Denis Coleman. The Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, SE22. Tickets: 50p at the Centre in advance or at the door. (Arranged by the Copleston Centre).

SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER

11.00am

**UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE** AT St Mary's Church, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe. Conducted by the Revd Nicholas Richards, assisted by representatives of the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Swedish Churches. Preacher: Dr Roger Williamson, Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Peace at the British Council of churches. The service will be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, the Mayoress, Members of the Council and representatives of local organisations. Tea will be available after the service.

**ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

The week is also One World Week and the Week of Prayer for World Peace.

## **THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Photoposters illustrating some problems facing the United Nations, or some aspect of its work, will be on display at:-

The Town Hall

Borough Road Library

Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane

Rotherhithe Library, Albion Street

Social services Office, 29 Camberwell Road

Abbey National building Society,

351 Walworth road

Abbey National Building Society,

97 Rye Lane

Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane

the Bookplace, 13 Peckham High Street

(Arranged by Southwark/Dulwich Branch, United Nations Association)

One World Week Exhibition at Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Rd (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council)

Cultural Exhibition to highlight African Affairs, at 69 Peckham High St. (8am - 7pm October 22nd-26th) (Arranged by the Pan African Organisation)

For further information about the Southwark United nations week programme, please contact the Information Office, the Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. In view of financial stringency the Borough Council is not publishing the separate programme of events this year.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please supply to the Hon Secretary of the local branch: Mrs Vanessa George, 15 Gilkes Crescent, SE21 (693 1500)



## JOB

### DOCKLANDS FORUM

is looking for an

#### INFORMATION WORKER/RESEARCHER

The kind of person we are looking for may have experience of community organisations; research (especially around planning/inner city) or be working in Journalism.

Salary £10,194 inc. Closing date 15th Oct.

Tel. 377 1822. Equal Opportunities Employer

## COURSES/CONFERENCES

### ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES FOR

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS - Thurs 25th October

10am-5pm at LVSC-CWS 54 Chalton St NW1. This is a follow up to the earlier course they did on Management Committees. Limited places - contact Myra Garrett, 11 Trendell House, Dod St, E14 before 12th Oct.

**CARE AND COOPERATION** - National Out of School Alliance is running this day of training November 10th - £5.00 Adult, £1.50 child Inc lunch. More info from J. Dalglish, 6 Astral House, Regency Place, SW1P 2EA

### FUNDING CRISIS FOR ADVICE SERVICES

A day conference organised by the London Advice Services Alliance. Saturday 13th Oct. London University S.U., Malet Street, WC1. £2.50. Contact Community Information Project, Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Road, E2.

### SEMINARS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Neighbourhood Care Action Programme, in conjunction with the Training Unit of the Volunteers Advisory Service have arranged three seminars on neighbourhood work for the Autumn/Winter. These are designed for community workerrs, volunteers and committee members. Oct. 18th, Nov.15th, Dec.6th. More information from Rodney hedley, NCAP, 68 Chalton St., NW1 1JR

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you two hours or so a week to spare?

Would you like to demonstrate in a practical way, that the community **does** care about victims of crime?

Would you like to help someone through the trauma of a burglary or street robbery by giving emotional and practical support?

If so, why not become a volunteer with Southwark Victim Support Scheme.

After training (2 hours a week for 8 weeks) you will be fully supported by the Scheme.

If you are interested, telephone, without obligation, 701 2677.

UNICEF again needs help selling their Christmas cards - either direct or as an organiser distributing the cards to volunteers. If you would like to help contact JP Pievsky, Volunteer Coordinator, UNICEF, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3NB.

## MEETINGS

Inviting all voluntary groups or workers who support voluntary groups involved in Holiday Play Schemes to a meeting to discuss

### FUNDING HOLIDAY PROJECTS IN SOUTHWARK

Monday 12th November 1984

10.30 - 12.30

Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road

Further information from Jenny Williams at SCVS.

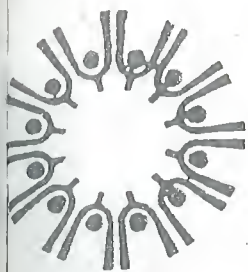
### SOUTHWARKS POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

on

TUESDAY 16th October 1984 at 7pm

in the town Hall, Peckham Road

is open to the public and all are welcome to participate in the discussions.



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## NEWSLETTER

### SCVS General Meeting

SCVS's General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd October was a successful meeting with a very constructive discussion about monitoring and the 'Conditions of Grant Aid' paper. It was proposed at the meeting that a **Joint Working Party** should be set up to look at the proposed conditions and recommend changes in the light of the discussion to report back in the New Year.

The meeting itself made many specific suggestions about how the paper could be improved. It was proposed that the Working Party would be made up of Members, Officers and representatives from voluntary organisations. Some names were put forward for this from the General Meeting.

More details in the next Newsletter.

It was agreed at the meeting that a small working group would get together to look at the question of premises. SCVS will be able to help this group once the Fieldworker vacancy has been filled.

There was not enough time at SCVS's General Meeting to talk about the implications of **CUTS** to the voluntary sector.

Another meeting will take place on cuts at the request of those present at the meeting

\* **TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER, AT 7.30pm, at the DOMINICA CENTRE, 69 Peckham High Street** \*  
(there is disabled access)

### SOUTHWARK FINANCES 85/6

SCVS has asked the leader of the Council Councillor Tony Ritchie to talk to voluntary organisations about the financial crisis facing Southwark services (voluntary and statutory) from April '84

**NOV 22nd 7.30 DOMINICA CENTRE, 69 Peckham HIGH ST, SE15.**

### 8th November

A **LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT**, for Southwark Voluntary Organisations, has been arranged, in the Jubilee Room, House of Commons,, 3.00-4.00pm.

It is important that voluntary organisations take the opportunity to lobby their MP about the implications of the abolition of the GLC. So far no viable alternatives for funding voluntary organisations have been put forward.

Every effort is being made to get Southwark MP's there.

**PENSIONERS** will be able to get coaches across Westminster Bridge from County Hall, at regular intervals from 12.30.

**WOMEN** can lobby between 4 and 7 pm. Your organisation needs to make an appointment with your MP. There will be creche facilities at Central Hall Westminster from 12 noon, where there will also be a meeting at 2.30 about funding for women in London.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IF THE GLC IS ABOLISHED?** - a public meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, 2.30 - 7.00pm

**COACHES FOR THE MEETINGS AND LOBBY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FROM SOUTHWARK:**

Leaving from:

Southwark Entertainments, Vestry Road, SE15  
1.45pm

Top of Penton Street, off Walworth Rd, SE17  
2.00pm

for the Bermondsey area, leaving from:  
Rotherhithe Civic Suite  
1.45pm

Advice Centre in the Blue  
2.00pm

North Southwark Community Development group  
2.15pm

**WILL ALSO PICK UP AT THE SOUTH BANK LION AT**  
2.30pm

**NB** Access for disabled people has been secured at the House of Commons and County Hall.



# IF THE GLC GOES....

The Government has now produced some proposals to, as they put it, "make it possible for voluntary organisations previously supported by the GLC to be supported in future by all the boroughs or districts in the area of an 'abolition' authority".

The paper states "It is the Government's firm desire that worthwhile voluntary endeavor should not be harmed by abolition"

The proposals make gloomy reading and SCVS has responded to them by pointing out that they fall far short of what is needed.

The following is part of a paper by LVSC and summarises the proposals.

The proposals make provision for funding London-wide or cross-borough provision through a London-wide collective arrangement, and for funding organisations and projects by individual London boroughs.

## London-wide collective arrangement

It is proposed that Boroughs acting collectively should fund London-wide or cross-borough organisations. The main features are:

- \*  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the London Boroughs are needed to approve the making of any grant.
- \* each LB would have one vote in deciding on a proposal for an individual grant or package of grants
- \* financial contributions from each LB would be made on the basis of population and not on the basis of a Borough's total Rateable Values
- \* the cost of administering the scheme would be taken out of each Borough's financial contribution
- \* the Government would set a statutory upper limit on the total expenditure available for grants - £10 million is currently proposed
- \* the scheme would begin in the financial year 1986/7.

## Individual London Boroughs

The Government proposes giving 'transitional support' of up to a total of £5 million of expenditure by London Boroughs on grants, on similar terms to the Traditional Urban Programme.

- \* any LB can apply for a grant of up to 75% of the cost of such expenditure
- \* grants will be for revenue (ie staff salaries etc) purposes only
- \* grants would normally run for a four year period, beginning in 1986/7 and not renewable
- \* the scheme will be separate from and additional to the normal Urban Programme arrangements, but the criteria will be broadly similar
- \* the scheme is not intended for existing UP projects funded by the GLC. If a LB takes on such a project, the GLC's 75% UP allocation would be transferred to the LB.

In our response we have emphasized particularly the effect rate capping is likely to have on Southwark, making it difficult for the Borough to take over GLC funded projects after abolition. The £5m to be made available by the Government for the 'transitional' period is for the GLC and MCC areas.

Southwark voluntary organisations alone are being funded by the GLC to a total of £2.686m, so the figure proposed as totally inadequate. The GLC spends £47m on voluntary organisations in London as a whole. £10 million is an inadequate sum.

We have also objected to the financial contributions, pooled by London Boroughs, being based not on a Borough's total rateable value, but on the basis of population. This means that the poorest populations, of which Southwark is one, will have to make the same contribution to London-wide services as rich ones.

Again the term "worthwhile voluntary organisations" is being used. We have said that we believe it is local commun-

ities that will judge whether or not an organisation is "worthwhile". Since the Secretary of State has stated in the House, in connection with restrictions on Section 137 (see a previous Newsletter), "We do not want to become the judge of whether and how much support should be given to this or that body." We were disturbed that this word 'worthwhile' is still being used about voluntary organisations. If you would like to comment on these proposals, write to:

## GAY BEREAVEMENT PROJECT

The Gay Bereavement Project has been granted Charitable Status - the first time that an openly gay organisation has been so registered.

This was not achieved without difficulties. The project's primary aim is to 'preserve and protect the health, both physical and mental, of homosexual men and women who have suffered bereavement'.

The Charity Commission was reluctant to accept either the name of the organisation, or such a straightforward description of its aims. However, they finally accepted the arguments that 'gay' is now established usage for homosexual, and that their clients would already be committed to a homosexual way of life, and would not be encouraged into homosexual practices by the organisation.

This has important consequences - not least in demonstrating that the GLC has, by funding this and other gay organisations, been applying to the gay community what is accepted as national policy for the rest of the voluntary sector.

The Gay Bereavement Project can be contacted at Unitarian Rooms, Hoop Lane London NW11 8BS.

## FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE

The Mary Ward Financial Advice Centre offers free professional financial advice to voluntary, and community groups in London. They have qualified accountants and solicitors who will help groups and advise on constitutions, PAYE, Accounting systems, financial controls, management reporting etc. Telephone them on 831 7079 - Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays and ask for Ramesh Patel or Denise Quilty.

## PROGRAMME STATUS FOR SOUTHWARK

The Council is now actively seeking "Programme" status for the Borough of Southwark and a first draft application to the DoE has been sent to SCVS for comment.

"Programme" status, which can be designated under the Inner Urban Areas Act 1978, means that the Council would become entitled to grant aid of 75% for approved capital and non capital projects. It would give Southwark a much larger share in the Urban Programme than the Borough receives under the traditional Urban Aid at present. For example, Hammersmith and Fulham was allocated £5.32m in 82/3 of which £1.568 went to the voluntary sector. By comparison, in 83/4 Southwark received £219,000 capital and £205,000 revenue from Urban Aid.

The case has been put very strongly in the draft application, showing that levels of deprivation are as high in Southwark as they are in many areas already designated as Programme areas. Some of the figures produced indicate this quite dramatically - Peckham has the **highest** density of unemployed people per square mile (3,400 per square mile) in London: nearly **twice** the Liverpool average. Southwark has the **highest** number of disabled people in inner London and the third highest percentage of single parent families and pensioners living alone.

The voluntary sector has been actively involved in other boroughs in pressing for Programme status for their own Boroughs and SCVS has been playing a part in getting the Council to consider this in the light of government attacks on services and the withdrawal of large sums of government money from local authorities in areas of high need. The Council would welcome any contribution people can make to strengthen this application. We have copies of the draft at SCVS. **PLEASE LET US KNOW QUICKLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY.**

## PATIENT'S TURNED AWAY

Lewisham and North Southwark Community Health Authority is concerned at the large number of patients who are having their admissions cancelled when they arrive at Guy's Hospital.

During the first 6 months of this year an average of 32 patients per month were either turned away on arrival or had their admissions cancelled by phone on the day of admission.

They would like to hear from anyone who has had this experience. Phone 699 8777. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## CAPITAL CHRISTMAS LINE

Christmas Line is a telephone information service aimed at helping people find out what is happening locally. It is being run jointly by Capital Radio, London Weekend TV, and Thames TV in conjunction with the Samaritans. Phones will be answered by volunteers who will have an information bank with news of events and services in the caller's area. They need to get this information together from now, so if you have something happening between Dec.22 and 26th, let them know: Nigel Tarling, Christmas Line, 388 9546.

## FOUNDATION FOR AFRO ASIANS IN SPORT

This organisation aims to encourage young people to develop themselves through involvement in sports activities, and to provide advice and assistance to individuals and organisations seeking to develop sports capabilities.

Membership is open to all those individuals, organisations and teams within the GLC area, who are interested in furthering FAAS's objectives. For more information about how to affiliate, contact FAAS at 5 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1, telephone 928 7858.

## CHILDMINDING PROJECT

The National Child Minders Association has launched a pilot project in Southwark. The project aims to visit childminders to offer them support and help with insurance, finances, and to provide information about NCMA. They will also introduce toys and equipment for the minded children. The project is funded by the DHSS for 2 years and is being monitored by the National Children's Bureau. The office is at 1 East Dulwich Road, SE22 9BA, tel. 693 1600. The Co-ordinator is Irma Plattner and the Admin Assistant is Beverley Baker.

They will be very pleased to hear from any one who is interested in the project and its development.

## TOY APPEAL

Miners children need Christmas presents. If you can donate any toys, books, games take them to Miner's collection points. These include Southwark Libraries, Town Halls, Southwark Rent offices, Labour Party Offices, the Trade Union Support Unit, 42 Braganza St, SE17, and the Unemployed People's Centre, 83, Peckham. Would you like a Miner's wife to speak to your organisation? (however small your group may be?) Speakers can be contacted through Eileen in SCVS's Employment Unit 732-9777.



# HOUSING ADVICE

## RESOURCE UNIT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit is part of SCVS. Its four workers give support, information and advice to organisations and groups in Southwark who are involved with housing problems.

The Unit is **not** an advice centre for the public. It will talk over individual people's housing problems with staff who are trying to sort out how to help. It also provides training sessions and a newsletter, "HARU NEWS".

If you want information on housing in Southwark, do ring HARU on 732 3649 between 9.30 and 5.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It costs nothing to go on our mailing list, and our training is very cheap.

### BLACK AND ASIAN OLD PEOPLE IN BRITAIN

Age Concern has produced a report based on interviews with 619 old people in London and Manchester. It found that elderly members of ethnic minorities suffer poverty, discrimination and insensitivity. Home help, health visitor services, day centres, residential care and sheltered housing are often unsuitable for the needs of elderly black and Asian people, and take up of these services and other benefits are very low. Copies of the report from: Marketing Department (PR4) Age Concern, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, CR4 3LL

### LVSC annual meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Council will take place at the Museum of London on 26 November at 4.30 pm, after which there will be a discussion on 'The future for voluntary organisations in London'. The guest speakers will be Peter Bowness, leader of Croydon council and chair of the London Boroughs Association, and Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington council and chair of the Association of London Authorities.

Non member voluntary organisations will be welcome.

For further details contact the Director's Assistant, LVSC (388 0241)

A BRIEFING PAPER put out by the London Voluntary Service Council is enclosed in this mailing. If you want more copies phone SCVS and we will supply them.

## SAVE ILEA CAMPAIGN

The Inner London Education Authority funds many parts of the voluntary sector. It will have to make severe cutbacks to services in the next financial year.

This will affect large parts of settlement funding; youth projects; adult education facilities and classes; literacy projects.

The next meeting of the Campaign is on TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER, 7.30pm, at Cambridge House.

This Campaign needs broad support from voluntary organisations likely to be affected by cuts.

### TRAINING

Pitt Street Settlement is running a programme of workshops about being a member of a community group and making it work better. The sessions are at 2pm on Friday afternoons, and will continue right through into February. They will cover things like keeping accounts, fundraising, publicity and where to get information.

The programme started in October, but there are some spaces, so if you are interested contact Jim Killbery on 703 4775.

### WACAT RADIO PROJECT NOVEMBER COURSES:

WALWORTH & AYLESBURY COMMUNITY ARTS TRUST Radio Project gives people who live on or around Aylesbury Estate or Walworth and community groups in Southwark a chance to learn what radio is all about - how to use it for themselves. The Project is fully equipped to produce good quality tapes and to give confidence in the handling of technical equipment.

In November we are repeating 'Basics' courses Friday 9th or Friday 23rd November 10.30-5.00 £1.00.

#### COURSE 1

How to use portable tape recorders, microphones and how to carry out a good interview. You will have the chance to use our equipment and interview someone of interest in Southwark.

Details of this and all our courses from Caroline and John

WACAT Radio Project  
Office A, Chartridge,  
Westmoreland Road,  
SE17

Phone 701-9010.



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NOVEMBER

## NEWSLETTER

EXTRA

### COMMUNITY PRIDE WEEK

A leaflet and some stickers are enclosed as samples. This mailing will not reach your organisation until Community Pride Week is upon us.

PLEASE PHONE SCVS FOR SUPPLIES OR

COME IN TO COLLECT THEM

QUICKLY

(We only got supplies on 30th Oct. - hence the delay)

### MOTORCADE

THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Community vehicles are asked to join a London wide MOTORCADE for the lobby on Thursday 8th November. All vehicles should meet at Jubilee Gardens, South Bank at 1.00 pm (Stephen Murray 987 6447 is the contact if you need further information.)

### LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 3.00 pm

JUBILEE ROOM HOUSE OF COMMONS

LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS

Organisations joining this lobby must meet and GO TOGETHER into the House otherwise individual organisations may not get in.

MEET 2.30pm at the SOUTH BANK LION.

### URBAN AID

### SHORT LIST

The following organisations were short listed for Urban Aid. Their applications will now go forward to the Department of the Environment.

1. Sojourner House. Time Expired! a hostel for single homeless women.
2. Club of Dance and Self Defence
3. Southwark Community Development Project for the mentally handicapped. Time Expired.
4. Peckham Black Womens Group
5. East Dulwich Estate Tenants Association. Time Expired
6. Mediation Scheme
7. St. Judes Community Centre
8. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme
9. SCVS Management Support Team.
10. Southwark MENCAP
11. Southwark Play Association
12. Mobile Womens Centre.
13. Nunhead Senior Citizens Activity Centre.
14. UMOJA Theatre Company
15. Muslim Community Centre.

### THOMAS CALTON

As previously reported in the Newsletter a Steering Committee is trying to put together plans for setting up a Community Education Centre. Thomas Calton School is in Alpha Street off Choumert Road just off Rye Lane and was closed unexpectedly at the end of July. Apart from the existing Youth Centre which continues to run classes - during the day now as well as the evenings - groups are beginning to use the space for their activities. The Steering Committee is still trying to put together criteria for use so that space can be allocated fairly according to the



needs of community groups and in broad line with the aims of a Community Education Centre. There is no exclusive use of space.

If your organisation thinks it could make use of space in Thomas Calton School for one off events or regular use, apply in writing (there is only some one to answer the phone occasionally) to The Steering Committee, c/o Thomas Calton Youth Centre, Alpha Street, SE 15. A copy MUST go to the Chair of the Steering Committee, The Rev. G. Mursell, St. Johns Vicarage, 62, East Dulwich Road, SE 22 9AU. This bureaucracy has to be gone through because the project is very much in the interim stages at the moment as the building has not yet been designated. The application will be discussed at Steering Committee meetings which take place about once a month. The Steering Committee will report on the development of the Centre in future SCVS newsletters.

It is important that community groups apply for this space if we are to make a strong case to the ILEA for making this very large building, so centrally placed, a resource for community groups in Southwark.

## JOINT CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS

Elections are to be held for voluntary sector places on JCCs which are committees which link Health Authorities and Local Authorities. If you have not had a letter from the Regional Health Authority but are interested please contact Gillie at SCVS 732 3731

## ONE-OFF GRANTS

this came in at the last minute for the Newsletter.

to be successful groups must:

- Make sure the application falls within the terms of reference of the Community Affairs Committee. (See examples in the ad. if in doubt seek advice)
- Be able to spend the money before end of March 1985
- Be able to submit proformas or invoices and receipts for items requested.

### ONE-OFF GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Southwark Council's Community Affairs Committee will be making money available to community groups and organisations in Southwark in the form of small one-off grants. The total sum available is around £14,000 and normally no single grant will exceed £1,000.

Examples of successful applications agreed by the Committee in the past were for:

- equipment for pensioner groups
- help to set up a scrap scheme
- printing materials for community newspapers
- furniture for a tenants' association room
- setting up costs for a youth and community bus
- improvements to a Family Centre
- outdoor furniture for the users of a Settlement

If you think that you would like to make an application and need advice please contact the Council's Community Development Officer, Mike Carter on 703 6311 Extension 2260.

Application forms for grants can be obtained from Debbie Reeves, Room 4.08, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB or telephone her on 703 6311 Extension 2084.

The closing date for the return of application forms is FRIDAY, 30th NOVEMBER 1984.

### CHILD CARE IN DOCKLANDS

Funds are available from December to employ a full-time Development Worker for the Docklands area. Local knowledge and experience of child care issues are more important than paper qualifications.

The Workers will support groups campaigning for improve child care facilities in the area especially in relations to the planning and redevelopment of Docklands.

Salary 10,251 per annum

Job Sharers are welcome.

Send for job descriptions and application forms to :- The Brady Centre, 192 Hanbury Street, London, E.1.

Telephone 377-1822

Closing date Friday 30th November 1984.  
Interview early December.

The Dockland Forum is a Equal Opportunities Employer.



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DEC 1984

## NEWSLETTER

### CUTS?

#### or a stab in the back

The good Samaritan got it wrong. He should have left the person in trouble to cope on his own. That at least seems to be the new message for voluntary organisations from Patrick Jenkin.

Until recently the Government was stressing that voluntary organisations need not worry, the Government would ensure future funding.

Now a new note has crept into official announcements; that it is not in the interests of voluntary organisations to be so dependent on state funding.

This amounts to passing by on the other side of the road. It is not accompanied by any thinking about how voluntary organisations are supposed to get by, nor by any analysis of the fact that it is voluntary organisations in the poorest areas which will be most hard hit by rate-capping, abolition of the GLC and cuts in Urban Aid.

A number of statements lead us to suppose that Ministers in the DoE have very little idea about the variety of activities undertaken by the voluntary sector. Instead they seem to prefer to believe the media distortion that local authorities give away millions of pounds to "fringe and loony" groups.

There is still a lot that people in Southwark need to do to communicate with Government ministers.

SCVS is grateful for the help from the Church in this direction, and has written

to the Bishop of Southwark to say so. He seems to be the only 'Southwark' person with a voice in the House of Lords.

Many community organisations in Southwark have continued their efforts to draw attention to Southwark's needs. Some of the efforts are outlined in this paper. If you would like to know more, or are wondering how else to contribute, please contact SCVS.

All three Southwark MPs have also made it clear that they would welcome factual information on the threat to voluntary services and activities.

### The Council

Meeting held on 22nd November between the Voluntary sector and the leader of the Council, Cllr. T. Ritchie about the future financial position of Southwark Borough and likely effects on the voluntary sector

We were very disappointed in the turnout for this meeting but were aware it was partly because we publicised it so badly and partly because lots of organisations are busy at this time of year with their own concerns.

The following is a summary of Councillor Ritchie's talk. It is hoped to be able to organise another meeting with the leader in the new year and get wider representation from the voluntary sector.

- The DoE's list of "big spenders" correlates with their list of councils defined by their own indices as areas of high deprivation. Southwark is the 10th most. The poverty in the Borough cannot be tackled by a reliance on the development of private industry.

- Southwark Borough has lost over £130m in reductions and penalties. The equivalent of a whole year's expenditure. For



## SCVS CHRISTMAS PARTY

### 20th DEC - invitation inside





1985/86 Southwark requires £126m to meet already existing obligations. Cuts cannot be made without a major affect on services.

At present the government is saying Southwark can only spend £108m.

NB there is an absolute obligation to repay debt, mainly on the Housing Programme.

Cllr. Ritchie reported that the 16 'Hit list' Authorities have been meeting on a regular basis and are all committed to a policy of no job loss or service loss.

This means in both the Statutory Sector and in the voluntary sector funded by Southwark.

No-body wants their rates to rise but Southwark would like the return of the money taken away in order to meet the needs of the people of Southwark.

This requires wide public support and Southwark, Lewisham, Lambeth and Greenwich are putting together a joint campaign. Everyone needs to be committed to this.

- The issue is also about local democracy he said and about the right of people to choose local services.

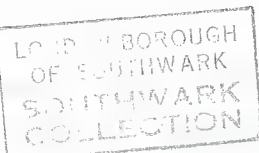
He said that the Council could not make promises to projects at present funded by other bodies.

Asked specifically about time expired urban aid projects Councillor Ritchie replied that Southwark had always had a good reputation in this regard and planned to continue it.

He challenged those voluntary organisations that did not want to give their support to such campaigns openly because they were seen as political. Cuts to local services was an important political issue which voluntary organisations providing a service to their local communities also have to face and challenge.

- Representatives from voluntary organisations pointed out some of the difficulties for them in such a campaign. For example that voluntary organisations have to preserve a level of independence from which they can criticise the Council and press for improved services.

Cllr. Ritchie restated at the end of the meeting his commitment to retain jobs and services in the voluntary sector as well as local authority jobs and services.



## GLC ABOLITION

### Lobby of Parliament 8th November

Despite the fact that the promised buses did not appear when they said they would the lobby of Parliament was a success. Representatives from Voluntary organisations in Southwark managed to see all three MPs and gained some useful knowledge about the GLC Abolition Bill and the important stages.

Organisations were able to put many points to Gerry Bowden Conservative MP for Dulwich and he stated that he would put forward the view of particular organisations if they write to him even if they were not his own personal view. Here is the letter he wrote to SCVS after the lobby. He is anxious that individual organisations write to him about their situation especially if they are based in the Dulwich Constituency. Please do this since it is important that we give Conservative MPs as much information as possible about the implications for voluntary organisations in Southwark of the abolition of the GLC.

From: Gerald F. Bowden, T.D., M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA  
9th November 1984

Dear Ms Ward

I enjoyed meeting your group in Westminster Hall yesterday, although I am sorry you had a delay before we actually met.

As I said at the time, I am anxious to be fully aware of the views of your individual members, and would reiterate that if they would like to write to me raising specific points, I will make sure these are born in mind and reflected when the matter is discussed.

I do not know whether you are able to list those in attendance and their organisations, but it would certainly be helpful for me to keep these names on file.

Yours sincerely  
Gerald Bowden

Ms. V. Ward,  
Southwark Council for Voluntary Service,  
135 Rye Lane,  
London, S.E.15.

The Abolition Bill has now been published and it will have its second reading in early December.

Once the Committee Stage begins it is vitally important that voluntary organisations feed in their news and background information to MPs on the Committee. The sections of the Bill will be taken one section at a time and the background information is important at particular stages. The kind of information needed is:

- number of people affected
- funding levels especially where workers salaries are affected
- The services likely to be affected especially if they are not readily available elsewhere
- groups dependent on particular threatened services
- The planning processes likely to be undermined by abolition.

Simon Hughes is the Alliance spokesperson on the 'Environment and so he will definitely be on the select committee. He has said he would welcome information from organisations in Southwark.

It will also be a good idea 'if representatives of organisations sit in at the Committee stage when relevant sections come up. The presence of such representatives is noted by the Committee and is an indicator of the level of interest and concern in the procedure of the Bill.

Find out from your own MP about when to appear or phone SCVS.

## TIMETABLE

### Government Timetable for the GLC Abolition Bill

|                               |                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd Reading                   | week beginning 26 November 1984                                                                                                |
| Committee Stage               | starts week beginning 3rd December 1984                                                                                        |
|                               | Government may well introduce "guillotine" end of January/beginning 5th February 1985 to timetable the Committees proceedings. |
| Report Stage<br>+ 3rd Reading | February/March 1984                                                                                                            |

If you would like another copy of the summary phone SCVS.

### House of Lords

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 1st Reading | March 1984 |
| 2nd Reading | April 1984 |
| Committee   | May        |
| Report      | June       |
| 3rd Reading | July       |

### House of Commons

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Debate on Lords Amendments | July/Sept |
| Royal Assent               |           |

## URBAN AID

### Urban Aid: When is a cut not a cut.

NCVO recently sent us information about the 85/86 allocation of Urban Programme money which is £338m as opposed to £348m last year. The DoE say £10m of this comes from 84/85 underspend, probably in the urban development grant. The "surplus" was reallocated to Urban Development Corporations - Merseyside and the LDDC. "Thus", says NCVO Inner City Unit "the DoE line that there has been no cut can be seen for what it is - a sleight of hand".

For the figure to remain the same as last year's would have meant a 6% cut to allow for inflation and £10m has been cut on top of that, so on the whole it is a cut. NCVO think that traditional Urban Programme, (Urban Aid) which is what Southwark receives will be squeezed but with more benefit to inner city areas.

Urban Aid remains a very important source of funding to the voluntary sector in Southwark. Please could your organisations, particularly if you are funded by Urban Aid, write to your MP briefly outlining what is happening to Urban Aid, how important it is to your organisation and what the implications of any cut in the Programme will be to the voluntary sector in Southwark. We should not forget that this might remain the only source of new funding

to get new innovative work of the ground in Southwark. Another reason for joining the fight against rate capping and the abolition of the GLC.

### IF THE GLC GOES

NB In the last newsletter (inside page) we set out in detail the government's proposals for alternative funding for voluntary organisations as part of their post GLC abolition plan. The details indicate how inadequate these proposals would be and we asked organisations to write and make comments. We put no address to write to however. Here it is:- The Rt. Hon. Patrick Jenkin MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SW1.



# **JOBS**

## **RADIO PROJECT**

The WACAT radio project needs a second radio worker to work mainly with women and girls from ethnic groups, at our studio on the Aylesbury Estate in SE London.

Experience and interest in radio is more important than qualifications.

Ring 01-701-9010 for details.

Closing date 13th December '84.

## **ADVICE & RESOURCE WORKER**

The Southwark Disablement Association require a full time Advice and Resource Worker. The person needs to be experienced in the field of welfare rights and to have knowledge of the problems faced by disabled people. Evening work involved and car driver essential.

Salary: £7,191 + £1,191 London Weighting. Pay award pending from 1st July, 1984. The S.D.A. is an equal opportunities employer. This post is funded until March 31st, 1986. Closing date 10th December 1984. If you have not heard by the 31st December, 1984 you can assume your application has been unsuccessful.

Application forms available from the office - Room 48, Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road, London, SE17 2BA.

## **FINANCE WORKER**

Asha Asian Women's Aid Southwark needs a finance worker for the Women's Aid project at Southwark. Post funded by the GLC Housing Committee. 35 hours per week. Knowledge of one Asian language and accounting skills essential. Application forms from Asha Women's Aid Southwark, P.O.Box 484 OHS. Closing date 20th December 1984. Salary AP4.25 (£9400 per annum incl L.W.).

## **THOMAS CALTON**

### **The Future of Thomas Carlton School**

There will be a public meeting at 7.30 on Tuesday 15th January at Thomas Carlton School - off Choumert Road.

The Steering Committee is pressing the ILEA to designate the building as a Community Education Centre.

The Centre would be a vital resource to community groups particularly in Peckham and it is important that they continue to fight for community use of this building.

## **NEW FIELDWORKER**

SCVS is pleased to welcome a new fieldworker who will be starting shortly. Her name is Lim Ai Meun.

Please note that Ai Meun is of chinese origin from a malaysian background so her surname comes first and her given name second. Ai Meun will fill the post which has been vacant since Jane Belman's departure.

## **URBAN AID**

SCVS is writing to all the organisations which applied for urban aid under Circular 25 85/86 asking them what they felt about how the applications were processed this year. We are asking organisations to make comments and criticism so that we can feed these into the council and hopefully improve the process for next year. Please reply when you get your letter. The voluntary sector in Southwark can make a contribution towards improving the process if we spell out what these improvements should be.



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## NEWSLETTER

### SOUTHWARK NEEDS ILEA

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of a letter protesting at the loss of grant to ILEA and the proposal to 'rate-cap' it.

Clearly these two matters are and will be having a very harmful effect across the broad range of ILEA activities, e.g. nurseries, schools, institutes, colleges and youth programmes.

Accordingly, we would like as many of these letters signed and addressed and returned to Bill Bell, 101 Bellenden Road, SE15, 639 9435 (home) or 403 5867. We are having 5000

letters printed so please put your order in now. If your organisation could copy some it would help with the expense. To help meet the cost of the campaign we would be over the moon to receive a small donation. Cheques payable to Southwark Parents Association please.

SCVS has a supply of badges, car and window stickers. Let's please make the campaign more visible by wearing the badge and putting up the stickers. SCVS has a supply of the letters if you need more copies. The next meeting of **Southwark needs ILEA** is at 7.30pm Tuesday 22nd January 1985, at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road. Representatives from all organisations will be welcome.

### Community Artists and Professionals Register

Southwark Council has been compiling a Community Artists and Professionals Register.

They hope that when completed this will be a comprehensive register of individual Artists, Arts Administrators and Professionals, such as Southwark and will supplement the recently published 'Live Arts for Southwark' report and directory.

Form, for the Register were due in by 16 November, but are still available from Southwark Entertainments, 28 Peckham Town Hall, SE5 8PY. Tel:- 703-6311 ext 2330.

The Register will be printed and distributed during January 1985.

### Womens Community Workers Group

What do we want to get out of this group?

Please come to the next meeting on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30 at Southwark Womens Action group premises - 2-6, Peckham High St.

### GRANTS CRITERIA

We have had a number of complaints from community groups that their monitoring officers are treating the new grants criteria as if they are binding. They are not they are consultative. However this has been very poorly communicated within the Council and several officers do not seem to realise they are consultative. (N.B. Social Services groups are not affected as for the time being at least they are sticking to their established criteria).

The meeting of voluntary organisations at SCVS about the criteria expressed grave disatisfactions with the draft. The meeting asked that the Council establish a joint working party with the voluntary sector to hammer out a new version. The meeting nominated voluntary sector representatives for such a meeting. SCVS will take this request to the Community Affairs Committees on 30th November.

### DOCKLANDS DEBATE

During the lobby on the Cuts a representative of Cherry Gardens T.A. suggested to Simon Hughes that it was time for another debate in the commons on Docklands. Simon Hughes (Liberal) agreed with Ian Mikado (Labour) that they would seek jointly to press for a debate. Such a debate will probably now happen in December. If there are things you feel should be raised please contact Simon Hughes M.P., house of Commons, SW1.

### FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Children's Theatre Company of London is putting on a show, absolutely free, at Norwood School, Crown Dale, SE19. It's a 'singing and dancing spectacular' suitable for 'tots to teens' 2.30 - 7.30pm on 2nd to 5th January 1985. Phone 670-7814 to book seats.

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Community Rights Project is holding a meeting about ACCESS TO PERSONAL FILES HELD BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. A report has been produced about Council's policies and practices concerning information held in Housing, Education and Social Services Departments.

The meeting is on Monday 14th Jan. 12.00 - 2pm at the Committee Room, 2nd floor, Norman Shaw North, Embankment, SW1. The report is available for 50p from the Community Rights Project, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1.



# MONEY

## SOUTHWARK COUNCIL GRANTS - AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Amenities Committee has a small amount of money available for the purchase of equipment or the refurbishment of premises for groups providing services in the following areas:

recreation; sport; play; arts; theatre; music; open spaces; reading/literacy.

The limit per group is £2,000 and the money must be spent before 31st March, 1985. The closing date for applications is 14th December, 1984. As the time before applications need to be in is so brief, the Committee is requesting that groups submit a written application with the following information:

- Name of organisation  
Contact (with address and telephone number)
- Brief description of organisation
- What grant is being requested for
- Full break down of costs of items to be purchased/refurbishment works to be done
- Brief description of other income/expenditure of the organisation.

### BBC Children in Need of Help

The BBC Children in Need of Help Appeal raised £1,250.00 this year. Applications for grants from the Appeal fund have to be in by 18th January 1985 at the very latest. Forms are available from SCVS.

### Groups or organisations which may apply -

- \* must give direct help to children
- \* must be mainly concerned with or have a specific section concerned with children in need, aged 16 years or under
- \* must be asking for money for a specific project which will meet a local need
- \* must be a locally based group or organisation

### Funding for Unemployed Young People Projects

Charity Projects is an organisation which puts on special events for charity.

In 1984/85 they will be giving money to "development projects for the benefit of unemployed young people", with an emphasis placed on applications from urban areas. Projects to be launched and those already well-established will be considered for grants. There will be no upper limits on grants, awards will depend on the money available.

Charity Projects address is:- 21 D'Arblay Street, W1V 3FN. Tel:- 734-0220.

## WANTED:

2nd-hand duplicator + typewriter for Southwark Parkinson's Disease Soc.  
Tell: Ed Dúguid - 222-5622.

## VIDEO RESOURCES DIRECTORY

When you need Video equipment you should soon be able to find it through this computerised directory. It will be printed out in pocket-book form as well as by phone.

If you have video equipment for hire or loan, and would like to be in the directory, contact the Fantasy Factory, 42 Theobalds Rd., WC1X 8NW. Tel 405-6862.

## SEVERE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

This a new benefit worth £21.50 per week tax free. It does not depend on NI contributions and is not means tested. It replaces Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension and Housewives Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension. People who get these benefits will be automatically transferred on to the new benefit.

## DRINKS LICENSES

The Licensing (Occasional Permissions) Act 1983 enables clubs, societies and associations to sell alcohol at specified events without having to apply through a licensee. This means that your organisation can benefit from the bar's profits. The License is granted to an officer of the organisation for a period not exceeding 24 hours. Written applications must be made to the Court one month before the event so it can be heard at a licensing session at least 15 days after they receive it.

## EXCURSION EXHIBITION

The Southern Tourist Board is staging an event to promote tourist attractions, and they want to invite people who will be organising outings and excursions during 1985. It is to be held on 9th January at Kensington Exhibition Centre.

If you would like to go, write to Diana Rumens, Information Manager, Southern Tourist Board, Town Hall Centre, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO5 4DE.

## RUBELLA CAMPAIGN

The National Rubella Council was set up to mount a 3 year campaign to increase the uptake of rubella immunisation. They are anxious to enlist the help of voluntary organisations and health professionals and are setting up a series of conferences in the Health Regions.

The South East Thames Region's conference is to be on 18th January at Guys Hospital. Please contact the Hastings Health Promotion Unit, 4 Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings Sussex, TN34 1LY, if you would like to attend.



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## RATE CAPPING LEADER'S MEETING

Southwark Council, acting on a request from SCVS executive and perhaps from other voluntary agencies called a meeting in December to talk to us about the implications of Rate Capping. SCVS Executive were right in thinking that many organisations would be concerned for the meeting was very well attended. The Leader of the Council, Chair of Finance and Administration and the Boro Treasurer were among those who spoke. They were not able to provide information on the future in quite the clear format some voluntary organisations would have liked. The Leader explained that the situation is too unprecedented and the variables too great. It was clear that the crisis could be averted and the rates lowered if the Government would go back to paying the earlier level of Rate Support Grant. Since 1979 Southwark has lost £500 for every man, woman and child from the Government contribution to Southwark rates.

The Leader stressed that Southwark could not make the "savings" the Government require without loss of services and stated that the Council was determined to make a stand rather than suffer a slow slide in public services. He reaffirmed that the Council intended to defend all the jobs

and services for which it paid, whether in the voluntary or statutory sector.

The Leader had confidence that the commitment of the voluntary sector management, staff and volunteers concern with the well being of people in Southwark meant that the voluntary sector would be concerned to defend all services whether voluntary or statutory.

Community organisations made it clear that they do have criticisms of the way services are delivered, for instance the lack of attention to the needs of black people. Tenants groups stated that solidarity on the issue of cuts did not mean agreement on everything. However it is clear that many Southwark Voluntary organisations have been struggling against the escalating neglect of the inner city for some time and those present at the meeting clearly felt it is important that the Council takes a full part in this.

The Leader drew attention to a DECLARATION the Council has produced. See your copy of this mailing. The Council would like people to return completed copies to the Leader's Office, Southwark Town Hall.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Holiday Project money from the D of E for the Greater London Area under the Urban Programme will be halved this year. This is official. This means that what was a total of £300,000 for the whole of London will now be only £150,000.

Although there are some indications that areas of stress will benefit more than other areas, this must still mean a severe cut for areas such as Southwark. Last year Southwark received in Urban Aid a total of £25,000 through LBS for holiday projects and a further

£10,000 (approx.) through the ILEA (Youth Service). This was barely adequate.

If you are an organisation that runs holiday projects, or that helps local groups run holiday projects, please write and protest to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Patrick Jenkin MP, 2 Marsham Street, SW1.

For more details of these cuts to Holiday Projects and other funding in Southwark for May - see the Play Insert.



# RATE CAPPING

On 11th December 1984 Patrick Jenkin announced rate limits for 18 councils on his ratecapping list. On the same day cuts in rate support grant (RSG) distributed to more than 400 English Councils were announced. The amount of grant has been cut from 51.9% (1985-85) to 48.7% (1985-86). This removes a further £775M in rate support grant entitlement to local authorities.

Already £8.4B has been taken from Councils since 1981-82. This is the first time that grant has ever fallen below half of total spending. When Labour left office in 1979, grant stood at 61%. In addition harsher penalties for overspending government "targets" announced in July 1984 have been confirmed.

Now is the time for your organisation to think about what cuts in funding could mean for your services.

Councillors are now available to come and speak about what the effect of government cuts in funding will be on services and your organisation.

Organise a meeting to give your local community user groups the chance to hear what the effects of cuts could be in your area.

Invite your local MP (House of Commons, SW1A OAA) to visit your organisation. Show them what you are doing and what services are threatened if cuts are made. Invite the press at the same time.

A video about the effect of Government cuts on services provided by Southwark Borough Council, is now available. This is an excellent short video recording put together by Southwark NALGO. It sets out very clearly what the Government has done to cut grants for much-needed services in Southwark.

It shows how little of our taxes now go to pay for these services (eg: did you know that the taxes paid by Inner London parents have not gone towards their children's education since 1982) which is why Southwark had to put rates up in the first place. Hence the term ratecapping.

It can be shown on any domestic video set and copies can be obtained from SCVS (732 9776/732 3731) and the Branch Office of Southwark NALGO (708 0232, based above the Peckham Music Library). SCVS and NALGO have got access to video equipment to show the video if you need it.

# ABOLITION

The Committee stage of the Abolition Bill has been in progress for about 2 weeks. These are the London MPs sitting on the Committee.

Hon. Colin Moynihan (Lewisham East)  
Sir Goerge Young (Under Sec. DoE,  
Ealing)

Tony Banks (Newham North West)  
Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South &  
Shoreditch)

Clive Soley (Hammersmith)  
John Cartwright (Woolwich)  
Simon Hughes (Southwark & Bermondsey)

There are 98 clauses to discuss and only 6 have been discussed by the time of writing. The voluntary sector and ILEA are far down the list. The government will probably guillotine this Bill soon without any discussion of most of the proposals. The Bill goes to the Lords in about six weeks time. WE URGE ALL ORGANISATIONS TO WRITE TO THEIR MP AS WELL AS THOSE ON THE ABOVE LIST ASKING WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO ALLOW SUCH AN IMPORTANT SET OF PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF LONDON AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO GO THROUGH WITHOUT ANY PROPER DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT.

Also we suggest that organisations write to the following members of the House of Lords who have local connections, pointing out to them the likely effect of the abolition of the GLC on your area and organisation.

The Right Reverend R. Bowlby,  
The Bishop of Southwark

Lord Fraser of Tullybelton

Lord Mc Fadzean of Kelvinside

Lord Sainsbury

All at The House of Lords SW1A OAA

Invite your local MP to come and visit your project and invite the press as well. If your organisation is in the Dulwich constituency make an appointment to see Gerald Bowden MP at his surgery which he holds at 108, Lordship Lane. Phone Miss Freeman 299 0522 for an appointment.

THERE IS A MEETING ABOUT THE ABOLITION OF THE GLC AND THE EFFECTS ON SOUTHWARK OF RATE CAPPING ON  
TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 7.30pm AT  
BELLS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE.  
SEE INSERT IN THE NEWSLETTER.  
IF YOU WANT MORE POSTERS ABOUT THIS MEETING PHONE 732 3731

## LEEN.

The London Energy and Employment Network (LEEN) is funded by the Greater London Enterprise Board. The aim of LEEN is to create jobs by saving energy in London.

Simon Goulding is currently working on a Feasibility Study examining the possibility of setting up a Draught Proofing and Energy Advice Project in Southwark.


The project would be funded by the M.S.C. under the Community Programme. Other sources of funding are also being looked at including a substantial Training Grant from the E.E.C.

The purpose of Simon's study is to find out if the energy project is a viable proposition. To this end

Simon would like any groups in the borough who are interested to contact him and let him know what they feel about this idea. All ideas and contributions are welcome.

Simon can be contacted by writing to ....

LEEN, 99 Midland Road, NW1 2AH



**NEXT WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY**

**5TH FEB 1985**

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN**

**CENTRE**

**AYLESBURY**

**ESTATE**

**12.30 - 3.30**

**CONTACT:**

**JENNY WILLIAMS**

**SCVS**

**LOOKING AT ABIA'S**

**IN CHILDREN'S**

**BOOKS**

A Series of Training Workshops

A write up of the second 'Race Equality in the Voluntary Sector' workshop is now available from SCVS. Twelve organisations were represented at the workshop which went through detailed work of how to begin carrying out an anti-racist policy in their organisation. The write ups of the two workshops make a good addition to the SCVS Race Equality booklets. (A few copies of that are still available.)

AT THE  
ALBRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ALBRIGHTON ROAD  
(OFF DOG KENNEL HILL)  
EAST SULLNICH, SE22.

For Info: CELIN HUNTER - 254 1444

**16th FEB** **St Valentines Day**  
fashion show and  
**DANCE** (Bar) £2

8th FEB  
ALBRIGHTON SOCIAL & SPORTS COMMITTEE IN CO-JUNCTION  
WITH LIVERPOOL THEATRE TRUST

**Cultural evening**  
WITH UMOJA THEATRE COMPANY  
£3 BAR **23rd FEB** 10th LATE  
SATURDAY

**Says theatre group**  
BAR £1 50p kids / family / over.  
CAMPTON MARCH 2nd 8pm.

## CHARITIES

You may want to look at your constitution and charitable status in relation to campaigning.

Southwark Law Project has let SCVS have a summary of the position.

Phone 732 3731 and we will send you a copy.

### SOUTHWARK NEEDS ILEA

The enclosed insert deals much more fully with the financial disaster that is about to overtake ILEA and those other authorities whose budgets are going to be savagely and inhumanly cut. Suffice it to say here that the budget cut from ILEA works out at £101 million for 1985/6.

The next meeting of Southwark Needs ILEA is at 7.30pm, Tuesday 26th February 1985 at Cambridge House (Addingtons Square entrance), 131 Camberwell Road. Meanwhile if you need further information and advice please contact Bill Bell at 101 Bellenden Road, SE15 4QY. 639 9435 (home) or 403 5867 (work).

## CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

- 20 years experience in the equal opportunities field.

The Deputy Director of the New York Bureau of Labour Services will describe this system in the US and its impact on equal opportunities in employment in the private sector. This meeting has been specifically organised for voluntary groups and local authorities wishing to further equal employment opportunities. If you want to go, contact the Equal Opportunities Unit at the GLC.

Date: 15th. Feb. Time: 2.00p.m.

Venue: County Hall



# GRANTS

The London Voluntary Service Council is administering a **STARTER GRANTS SCHEME** funded by the GLC, to give community groups the opportunity to pay for feasibility studies which would consolidate their ideas for local derelict land use. It has had a very slow take up. Any organisation which is interested contact SCVS.

A scheme of grants for local support projects for self help groups is being funded by the DHSS.

Part of the DHSS 'Helping the Community to Care' programme (helping the community to cope with reduced services? - one cannot resist saying). There is funding for "small informal groups" working in health and social services areas. They can be sponsored through the Council for Voluntary Service or Community Relations Council.

The money will fund the basic costs of a project for three years, and would include money for a development officer, office costs, administration and some pump priming. Schemes should be built on local resources and needs.

If your organisation is interested contact SCVS quickly. We have the conditions. Requests for application forms are supposed to be in by 1st FEB but if you phone SCVS we could get one for you quickly or phone direct: 04427 73311 and ask for the Self Help Alliance.

## Grants for Women's Groups in Southwark

Southwark women's committee will soon be considering its grants for 1985-6

Money could be available to help your women's project.

You can apply for a grant to help you run activities, buy equipment, run a creche, etc. etc. If you are a new group you can also apply for money to help you get started.

To find out about applying for grant aid, please write to **RETA STALLARD**, Women's Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London, S.E.5. Or ring 703 6311, Ext. 2174. OR **TANYA WHITTY**, 8 Peckham High St., SE15. or ring 701 9069

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 1985

OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

# WOMEN

## CUTS ARE HITTING WOMEN HARDEST

GLC womens funding is threatened because so much of it comes through section 137 funding which is now to be closely scrutinised by the DOE.

Projects such as Southwark Womens Bus, which visits isolated women on estates, Peckham Black Womens Group, Southwark Womens Aid, Southwark Womens Training Workshop, and many others, are under threat.

Cuts in services mean the heaviest burdens will fall on women: for example, see cut in holiday project funding,  
- cuts in Home Helps and Meals on Wheels  
- cuts in education services.

Come to a women and funding meeting **MONDAY 4TH MARCH, at Southwark Womens Premises, afternoon and evening.** Check 701 2564 for further details. Speakers/video/discussions and decisions about what women can do to defend services.

Southwark Womens Aid now have a place where womens groups can meet. Space for files/desks etc., funded by the GLC. Contact Maggie Crowley, 16 Relf Road, SE 15. Tel no. 732-1986/2962.

Women Workers in the Community  
The next meeting is on Tuesday, 12th. Feb., at 2.30p.m. at Peckham Womens Centre, 2-6, Peckham High Street. We will be discussing sexual harassment at work.

你為有用服務請上

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COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS IN LONDON  
地址: 441 BRISTOL ROAD, SW11  
辦公時間內 預約可獲親 電訪或親臨土區中心 (土區中心土區中心)

FOR FACILITIES OF APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT:  
LONDON VUL 01 441-4441 OR AT 733 4377 407111 407111



# NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Save  
**ilea**  
CAMPAIGN

## THE CUTS

### 6TH MARCH DEMOCRACY DAY '85

This event is planned to be one of the main demonstration against Ratecapping and Abolition of GLC & Metropolitan Councils. It is sponsored by the TUC & the Local Government Campaign Unit.

#### Details:

- 11.30 Assemble at Malet Street, WC 1 (There'll be speakers & music)
- 1.00 March via Kingsway, Aldwych and Waterloo Bridge to Jubilee Gardens (A cavalcade of Public Service vehicles will lead)
- 2.00 Arrive at Jubilee Gardens and enjoy TUC rally with speakers including Norman Willis, Rodney Bickerstaffe, possibly Neil Kinnock, possibly community group reps.

There will probably be stalls & events in Festival Hall: with cartoons & mock auction of Local Government Services.

- 3-5pm MUSIC BANDS FUN in Festival Hall with REDSKINS & BRONSKI BEAT
- 8.p.m Concert in Queen Elizabeth Hall

IF YOU WANT A STALL: write to:  
Gerry Hughes, L.M.S., 8 Bradbury St.  
London N16 8JN

The Council now have a new team to work on the rate capping issue over the next six weeks. It is called BIG Budget Information Group.

If you would like a speaker to talk to your organisation, or would like posters, badges etc. or would like to see the video mentioned in the main part of the Newsletter,

CONTACT TANYE WHITTY at the Town Hall  
703 1747

NB All but main Council meetings have been cancelled. Councillors are available to speak to your organisation about the situation. This can be arranged through the above number

Since the last Newsletter it has been learnt that ILEA will suffer a Rate Cap loss not of £59m but of £101m as ILEA has set a budget of £ 957m to maintain a reasonable level of service across the broad range of its activities. However the Government has said that it may only raise £841m by way of rates. This leaves a shortfall of £116m and represents a 10% cut.

The Government intends to pass this legislation in Parliament on 15th February which leaves little time for campaigning. However if we do not campaign and make our strong view heard in those circles that matter then the Government will be able to say that they have received little protest and will continue to punish our kids and community for their lack of a sensible and reasonable policy.

Clearly then for the campaign to be effective a lot of effort will need to be expended before then. SO WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP ?

1. The usual things like writing to your MP, House of Commons, SWLA OAA with a copy to the local press.
2. The Campaign has set up four local initiatives :

\* letters of protest. It is very important that as many protest letters as possible ( mentioned in the last N/L) need to be signed and addressed and returned to: Bill Bell, 101, Bellenden Rd SE 15 4QY 639 9435 ( Home) or 403 5867 (work) as soon as possible. A further copy of this letter is included in this mailing and more are available from Bill or SCVS. Please send more in. So far I have only received 5 from the voluntary sector.

Schools. All schools etc, in Southwark have been written to requesting that they let every parent have a copy of this letter. It is further suggested that they ask for the letters to be returned so that they can be used for the Schools' own campaign and lobby Parliament. Parents, governors and staff are asked to support their school and encourage it to take up the fight.





Parents Lobby of Parliament. The period 28th Jan - 14th Feb. has been set aside for parents and governors PTAs and staff activists to lobby their local MP. This needs as many people as possible.

Campaigning stalls.

We shall have stalls at East Street (on the corner of Blackwood St.) and on the forecourt of Sainsburys, Rye Lane on Sat. 2nd Feb. and 9th Feb. between 10.45 - 1.00. WHY NOT CHANGE YOUR SHOPPING PATTERN AND HELP AT THE STALLS - especially at East Street where I shall be alone!

From Bill Bell, Southwark Needs ILEA

ILEA MORI POLL.

A Mori poll undertaken for the ILEA shows that most Londoners support an autonomous education service for the capital. Nearly two thirds said they believed the Authority should be able to make its own financial decisions without Government overruling them.

It shows also that 71% would be prepared to see the rates go up by 18p per week in order to maintain educational standards.

# TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY WORK

## AN INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY WORK.

A special course for volunteers, community activists and workers who would like an introduction to community work before considering further study or paid work.

People new to community work may also find it useful.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 1.15 - 3.15pm  
(times can be adjusted if this is difficult for people with school children)

CRECHE AVAILABLE

STARTING WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

AT NUNHEAD CENTRE, Nunhead Annex,

Whorlton Road SE 15

Whorlton Road is off Peckham Rye at the Rye Lane end. A map will be sent to all applicants.

The tutor is John Newman who has a lot of experience in running similar courses at Morley College.

The Fee will be approximately £14. £1 if unwaged.

For more details and to book phone Veronica Ward at SCVS 732 3731 or Dan Taubman, Tabard 407 3230

## A MEETING ABOUT TURNING POINT AN APPRENTICESHIP IN COMMUNITY WORK.

If you are interested in how schemes such as this could help those interested in community work in Southwark come to

PECKHAM SETTLEMENT TUESDAY 5th MARCH  
AT 2.00

Peckham Settlement is in Staffordshire St.  
( off Peckham High St next left past the Bingo )



# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

March 1985

## NEWSLETTER

### RATES ANNOUNCEMENT

#### 6TH MARCH

There will be a "Democracy Day" on March 6th to prepare for the rates announcement on the 7th.

It is being organised by the TUC and by the Local Government Campaign Unit. The programme is as follows:

11.30 - assemble in Malet St. or Gordon St. WC1. There will be 5 bands playing, including two Colliery bands. There will also be speakers and shop-biz support.

1.00pm - Move off, led by floats.

Balloons for children.

2.00-4.30pm - Rally by the GLC on the South Bank, with major TUC and political speakers.

Meanwhile there will also be stalls, children's entertainments and a creche in the Royal Festival Hall.

3.00pm - Free live concert in the Royal Festival Hall, featuring Misty in Roots, The Redskins, The Guest Starts.

7.30 - 10.00pm - Queen Elizabeth Hall, evening of music and entertainment including Ewan McColl and Pegzy Seeger.

The organisers ask that you bring your own banners and placards, so that it is clear what a wide range of concerns are represented on the march.

#### CHILDREN WELCOME

**PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS** - It is thought that people in wheelchairs may wish to be together in a block near the front. Please contact Jane Streather, Local Government Campaign Unit, 387 9893.

#### 7TH MARCH

Rate capped authorities, including Southwark, have decided to make their announcements about the 85/6 rates on the same day.

This is 7th March. Southwark's announcement will be made at a full Council meeting starting at 7pm in the Town Hall, Peckham Road.

the meeting is extremely important because it will be the official announcement of whether Southwark intends to comply with the Government's rate-capping legislation which will inevitably mean cuts in jobs and services.

Council meetings are open to the public. You should turn up in good time to avoid last minute chaos. Seats in the public gallery are on a first come basis, none reserved. There will be overspill arrangements for the meeting to be heard in other rooms in case there are too many people to fit into the Council chamber. There may also be closed circuit TV arrangements for these rooms. It is also hoped to arrange a creche - phone 703 1748 with inquiries.

Signed copies of the "Declaration" should be returned to the Council before 7th March, so that they can be presented at the meeting.

Some groups have already asked to have deputations to this council meeting. This is possible and groups also might want to do their own petition drawing attention perhaps to the importance of particular public services - playgroups, lunch clubs, advice services. We understand that the Council would welcome public participation of this nature.



For information about what standing orders allow about petitions or deputations contact Sue Adams or John Mullooly at Southwark Council - 703 1748.

Deadline for requests to present petitions or deputations is 1st March, but it would help Sue or John to know as quickly as possible.

## PENSIONERS' LOBBY

All Senior Citizens are urged to assemble outside **St Stephen's Entrance, House of Commons at 2.00pm on Thursday March 7th.**

The Pensioners' Petition will be submitted to Parliament, and deputations from the National Pensioners' Convention will seek meetings with the Prime Minister and Leaders of other parties during the day.



## GETTING POORER

Everyone living or working in Southwark will know that the number of people in real need is growing and that Southwark is steadily becoming poorer.

It is often useful to be able to point to facts and figures as one way to describe what is happening. SCVS is going to start compiling a series of fact-sheets on Southwark. They will go out with the Newsletter, but will be on a separate sheet each time, so that they can be collected. We hope it will help you in making representations about the situation in Southwark, or the part your own organisation plays. Please use the information to maximum advantage to highlight what is happening.

To produce the fact-sheets SCVS will draw on any information which comes to us. With this Newsletter we are sending out information drawn from the Council's Annual Report and its Partnership application. Your project may be able to help.

Have you been monitoring the rise in requests for help, or increasing seriousness of problems? If you have done such work, or come across other material we should use, please send it to Lim Ai Meun, SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15 4ST.

## S'WK NEEDS ILEA

On Wednesday 6th February the Southwark Needs ILEA Campaign delivered to Parliament a petition of 1,700 names and 550 letters protesting about the Government starving ILEA of funds. Next time we hope to present a few thousand such letters so please keep them rolling in.

Parents and governors of Warwick Park School lobbied Mr. G. Bowden MP for Dulwich, on Tuesday 12th February. Neither he nor the Government appear to be listening to the overwhelming volume of support for the GLC ILEA and Southwark - not yet anyway.

Southwark Needs ILEA next meets at 7.30pm Tuesday 26th March at Cambridge House. Further details from Bill Bell, 403 5867 (work) or 639 9435 (home).

## GLC FUNDING

The GLC has been advised by Counsel that its standard grant undertaking for grants to voluntary organisations is in fact a contract in law. The GLC Policy Committee has therefore decided that they should cease to block payments of the January to March instalments of grants funded in full or in part under section 137 (where all the appropriate conditions have been met). Priority will be given to organisations that have issued redundancy notices to staff. An embargo, however, remains on any new section 137 commitments and grants part funded under section 142(2). Organisations are advised to contact their GLC Grants Officer a.s.a.p. to ensure receipt of their fourth quarter grant.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME  
AND ENDS IN WHITEHALL



## RATE CAPPING NEWS

NCVO is producing a newsletter which aims to explain what rate-capping jargon means and keep groups informed of developments on rate capping and rate support grant penalties. It's free from NCVO, 26 Bedford SQ., WC1B 3HU. Tel. 636 4066.

## CLAIMANT'S COMMISSION

The GLC has decided to establish a Claimants' Commission for Greater London. It will have wide terms of reference to enable it to look at the benefits system and the implications of reforms from the claimant's point of view.

There will be about ten members of the commission. They will all be claimants, and will be appointed as individuals, not members of organisations.

The aim is to encourage public participation, by inviting organisations to give their views and by holding public hearings in different parts of London.

Enquiries to: GLC Claimants' Commission, Room 217, County Hall, London SE1 7PD. Tel. 633 6487.

## ACTION FOR BENEFIT

Action for Benefits is a national campaign against cuts in jobs and Social Security Benefits and for improvements to provide a decent standard of living for claimants.

The campaign has produced an exhibition to publicise what's happening to Britain's welfare state, and explain what can be done to oppose the government's cuts. The exhibition can be borrowed for display in workplaces, clubs, community centres etc. It consists of six panels 20" x 30" which can be wall-mounted or used on exhibition boards.

You can also buy a full sized poster set version for £2.50.

Contact: Action for Benefits, LMS, 8 Bradbury Street, N16 8JN  
Tel. 249 3334.

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

Guy Jenner is the Finance Officer of a well-known national charity. He has worked in the voluntary sector for the last ten years and has an extensive knowledge of work in this field. If you require assistance on any aspect of financial areas, such as grant applications, PAYE, VAT returns, bookkeeping etc., give him a ring on 582 2370 (evenings, w/ends) or write to the following address:-  
Flat 4, 160 Kennington Park Road, SE11

## PERCY BILTON TRUST

is a charity which gives grants of over £2000 for work that involves young people in activities for the benefit of their communities; projects helping disabled people to become more self-sufficient; and schemes to help the elderly.

## BLACK CO-OPS

The GLC has funded a Londonwide agency offering advice to ethnic minority co-ops. Kala Ujamaa (means black collective) will give advice on services available, provide training for co-op workers, and will research the best ways of promoting co-ops. More details from Pat Aduwa, Southwark CDA, 135 Rye Lane. 639 0134.

## TRANSLATION SERVICE

The Greater London Translation Unit provides a translation service in the following languages:

Gujarati; Punjabi; Spanish; Hindi; English; Greek; Arabic; Urdu; Chinese; Turkish

They aim to provide a cheap, efficient, quick service. They will also arrange typesetting and printing in these languages.

Further information, Tel. 928 9889 or 928 8108, ex. 37.

or write to Confederation of Indian Organisations (U.K.), 5 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

## WHATS ON AT THE WACAT ACTIVITIES CENTRE

1a WENDOVER, THURLOW STREET SE 17

**WORKSHOPS at WACAT**

**Mondays**  
11am-1pm Women's Singing Group  
7-9pm Writers/performers Workshop (Starts 25 February)

**Tuesdays**  
11am-1pm Bass Guitar Workshop

**Fridays**  
1.30-3.30pm Women's Drama Group  
3.30-5.30pm Women's Music and Drama  
7-9pm Mixed Drama Workshop (Starts 1st March)

For more information about any music or drama activities contact Jamal (Drama) or Ros (Music) on 703 0415

WACAT receives financial assistance from LBS, GLA & GLC.



# BOOKS

## EMPLOYMENT GUIDELINES

There is now a "Code of good practice on the employment of disabled people. The MSC has published it and copies are available free from Room W1030, MSC, Moorfoot, Sheffield S1 4PQ.

## POLITICS AND VOLUNTEERS

"Volunteering in the Eighties" is a publication which contains papers on the politics of volunteering, volunteering and trade unions, cuts and volunteering. It is available from VOISS, c/o Volunteers Advisory Service, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR. Send a stamped addressed A4 envelope.

## INSURANCE AND VOLUNTEERS

"Protecting Volunteers" gives organisations guidelines about how to protect voluntary workers and why you should do it, the kind of risks and liabilities that are involved, and what sort of insurance cover is available.

From: the volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, HP4 2AB. Send a stamped addressed A5 envelope.

SCVS is planning to service a  
**BLACK COMMUNITY  
ARTS FORUM**

to coordinate Black Arts activities in the Borough. If your group is directly concerned with offering services for Black artistes, or is comprised of members active in the field, or just interested in the promotion of Black community arts and would like to support such a forum, PLEASE CONTACT:  
Lim Ai Meun at SCVS, tel 7323731

林拔區華人社區中心  
暨 林拔區中/英文班

邀請你及家人參加我們舉辦之新春聯歡會暨學校開放日。節目包括中國舞劇表演、文娛表演、...等,並有中國食物供應。

日期:一九八五年三月十日(星期日)

時間:上午十一時至下午二時正

地點: STOCKWELL PARK SCHOOL, PRIORY GROVE, SW8

入場費:會員免費,非會員:成人50p,小童25p。  
請填妥右頁的入場票購買表格,寄回本中心。  
地址: 441 BRINTON ROAD, SW9.

LAMSETH CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
and  
CHINESE/ENGLISH CLASSES IN LAMSETH

It gives us great pleasure to invite you and your family to our Chinese New Year Celebration and School Open Day. Entertainment include Chinese dances, drama and many other cultural activities. Chinese food will also be available.

Date: Sunday 10th March 1985

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Venue: Stockwell Park School  
Priory Grove, London SW8

Admission will be free to members of our Chinese Community Centre.

Non-members: Adult 50p child 20p

## COLOMBO STREET SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

has offices, rooms, and two halls for hire for conferences, meetings, etc. The large hall has seating for 300 at a cost of £30 per hour. The smaller hall can accommodate 100 and costs £15 per hour. Also available numerous small rooms suitable for meetings at £5 per hour. If interested, contact: Tom Hogan, tel. 261 1658

T.I.N. - A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Teenage Information Network will be held on Monday March 4th at 6pm at 102 Harper Road, SE1.

Guest speaker - Leon Parker from National Association of Young People In Care.

## CORRECTION

On the back page of the last edition of SCVS Newsletter we listed southwark Womens Training Workshop among organisations under threat from the new controls on Section 137. SCVS recognises that these controls only apply to the GLC and metropolitan councils. Since the Womens Training Workshop is funded by Southwark Council, it is not directly at risk from the new controls, and we apologise to any readers given the wrong impression.

3,600 of the unfit dwellings are owned by the Local Authority. 6,800 are owned by the private sector. (This means that 26% of the privately rented or owner-occupied accommodation is not suitable for occupation. A further proportion of houses lack one or more basic amenity such as a fixed bath in a bathroom, a wash hand basin, an inside WC, a sink and hot and cold water at three points. There are also a large number of dwellings which are not 'unfit' but are classified as 'in need of renovation'.

The Council owns 2/3 of the housing in southwark. Most has been built since World War II. 54% of Council dwellings are flats, 26% Maisonettes, 9% Houses, 7% conversions, 2% sheltered housing/Old Persons' dwellings.

Under the Right to Buy, 537 houses have been sold, and 225 flats.

The council owns 62,459 dwellings and is the largest provider of Council housing in London.

The council says that it has managed to speed up the back-log of outstanding repair orders from 4.2 weeks delay in 82/3 to 2.4 weeks in 83/4.

Housing subsidy from the Government to Southwark has declined from 38% of Southwark's Housing Revenue Account in 1980/81 to 23% in 83/4.

Investigation by the Ombudsman found Southwark guilty of 7 cases of maladministration. All concerned the Housing Department.

#### EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment has risen from 3,078 (3.8%) in April 1971 to 13,785 (21.1%) in April 1983.

| Unemployment   | April 82 | April 84 |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Greater London | 11.1%    | 11.9%    |
| Great Britain  | 15%      | 15.4%    |
| Southwark      | 17.4%    | 24.5%    |

Unemployment in parts of Southwark is the highest in Greater London.

| Employment in Southwark | No. of jobs |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Offices                 | 53,988      |
| Industry                | 24,387      |
| Commerce                | 13,848      |
| Shops                   | 10,348      |
| Education               | 7,288       |
| Transport               | 7,061       |
| Health                  | 7,043       |
| Public Buildings        | 3,861       |
| Other                   | 6,208       |
| Total                   | 133,982     |

The Annual Report of Southwark Council can be consulted at SCVS, or you can obtain a copy from the Borough Treasurers, 19 Spa Road, London SE16 3QN Telephone 237 6677.

The next Factsheet, which will be with the April Newsletter, will contain facts about Southwark's case for seeking Programme Area Status.





# SOUTHWARK

## FACTSHEET NO. 1

Anyone who lives or works in Southwark will be aware of growing deprivation. It may be helpful for community organisations to have some of the statistical information about this. SCVS will be producing fact sheets to pass on summaries of the information which reaches us.

It will appear as a separate sheet inserted into the Newsletter, so you can keep the sheets if you wish.

If your organisation is collecting relevant facts and figures, for instance about the growing demands on your services please would you let SCVS have a copy.

Southwark Council's Annual Report for 1983/4 includes the following information:

The population of the Borough has declined from 315,400 in 1961 to an estimated 215,400 in 1983.

In 1983 it was estimated that 23% of the population are under 18, 16% are over 65.

Central Government support of local authorities expenditure has fallen nationally from 61% of total expenditure in 1980/81 to 52% in 1984/5. However inner urban areas have fared worse than this. Central Government support to Southwark has fallen from 53% in 1980/81 to 18% in 1984/5.

Since 1981/2 Southwark has lost a total of £100 million in Central Government grant. This represents £464 for each person living in the borough.

The average domestic rate bill is £10.24.

Of this, £4.87 is for Southwark Council

3.22 is for Education

1.67 is for the GLC

0.48 is for the police

Social Services Committee states that it funded 14% voluntary organisations in 1983/4. An increase from 12% in 1982/3. The total grant aid it gives to voluntary organisations amounts to £2 per head of Southwark's population.

The Annual Report has occasional references to equal opportunities practices in employment and services. The Establishment Committee reports that preliminary work has been done, but it will need to be vigorously pursued if any real change is to take place.

## HOUSING

Central Government support to council housing within Southwark has fallen considerably since 1979/80 (from 46% in 79/80 to an estimated 25% in 1984/5). Because of the reduced Government subsidy, Council rents have more than doubled between 1979/80 and 1984/5.

Because of the low levels of income and high levels of unemployment within Southwark some 60% of council tenants are in receipt of rent rebates.

67% of the accommodation in Southwark is rented.

(62,459 dwellings) 7% is rented from Housing Associations, 1% rented from other public sector, 25% private sector, including owner occupation.

It looks as if the Council only completed 165 new dwellings in 1983/4 and improved only 124 dwellings.

Over 10,000 properties in Southwark are considered unfit because they are in a bad state of repair, unstable, damp or have inadequate natural light, ventilation or drainage and sanitary arrangements.





# WOMEN OF SOUTHWARK

## Ratecapping Affects You!



MONDAY 4th MARCH

3.30 - 7.00

BELLS GARDENS COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

(Buller Close,  
off Peckham Hill St)

4.30 Speaker VALERIE WISE  
GLC Women's Committee

5.00 Chance to question  
TONY RITCHIE

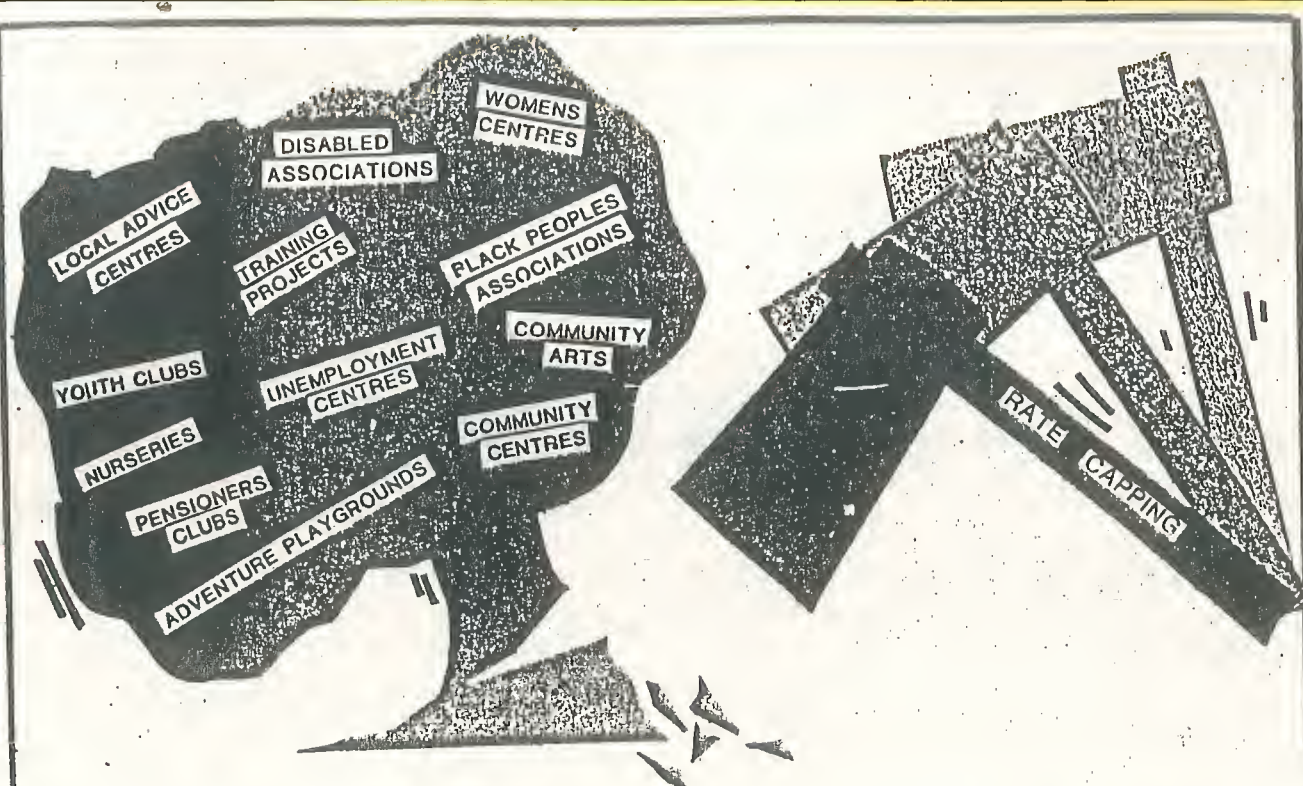
Leader of Southwark Council

## Women Against Ratecapping Meeting & Children's Tea Party

Videos & Discussions on effects of Ratecapping & GLC Abolition on  
women's projects & local services

Printed by Women Against Ratecapping c/o Southwark W's Centre 6 Peckham High St  
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**HAVE YOU LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU THINK?**

Dear friend,

The above is a copy of the design used for a batch of postcards produced by SCVS at the request of some member organisations. The postcards are addressed to the House of Commons with a space for the name of the sender's local MP and a short message.

The purpose of these postcards is to encourage community groups and individuals who use your organisation to write to their MP's expressing their concern regarding the threat which rate-capping (and GLC abolition) poses for your organisation and the services it offers.

These postcards will be accompanied by leaflets explaining the possible implications of rate-capping and GLC abolition on community services in Southwark, as well as posters of similar design to draw attention to the availability of the postcards.

It would be helpful if you could send this order form back to us as soon as possible with an indication of the number of postcards and posters which you would like and can reasonably expect to use. (There is no charge for postcards, leaflets and posters but we only have a limited supply.)

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# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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SPECIAL EDITION

## NEWSLETTER

This is the first of what will be a three-monthly feature of SCVS newsletters, namely that they are used **exclusively** for reporting on matters of direct concern and interest to Southwark's Black and ethnic minority community, together with contributions from these community groups.

This does not mean SCVS staff abandoning the need to present the contents of all issues of the newsletter in a way which reflects

SCVS's equal opportunities and anti-racist policy.

SCVS welcomes any information and/or views which you would like to draw attention to on any issue affecting in particular Southwark's Black and ethnic minority population and community groups. Also contact us if you would like to publicise your group, project or an event which is of interest to the Black/ethnic minority community.

### RACIAL HARRASSMENT ON COUNCIL ESTATES

#### SOUTHWARK BLACK WORKERS GROUP

*lists the action which needs to be taken:*

The joint Race and Housing Committees agreed a series of recommendations concerning Racial Harassment on Council Estates.

So as not to get too confused a list of the recommendations is listed below.

We just hope that it will be more effective than the anti-racism usually thrown at us to keep us subdued! We are fed up of this dry rhetoric, what about action?

We hope it doesn't take as long as the council's policy on co-options!! Members are asked to approve the following as recommendations to be incorporated into the councils policy on racial harassment in council property.

- 1) Racial harassment to be defined as something distinct from neighbour disputes and general nuisance.
- 2) Council makes a statement of intent against perpetrators of racial harassment. The publicity should be so as to deter potential perpetrator yet at the same time inform victims as to where and from whom they can get help and support.
- 3) Positive efforts must be made to prosecute the perpetrators.
- 4) The onus of proof to rest with the council to disprove any allegation of racial harassment made by a victim.

5) Victims of racial harassment will be moved on request and to accommodation of equal or higher standard. (An additional 100 deficiency points to be added.)

6) All physical damage to council property attributable to racial harassment is repaired as an emergency within 24 hours.

7) Positive efforts should be made to recover the cost of damage from the perpetrators.

8) Where tenants are forced to move because of racial harassment, they should be entitled to payment of disturbance allowance and removal expenses.

9) Council should have funds available so as to allow the victim to take out private prosecution in case where the police fail to prosecute.

10) Members of the Black community to be involved with the policy formulation and implementation on racial harassment.

11) A review of the effectiveness of policies implementation to be carried within the first twelve months.

12) Council to appoint immediately harassment officers to deal specifically with racial harassment. A minimum of 4 officers to be employed by March.

13) There should be effective monitoring of all reported cases of racial harassment, preferably by an independent body. Both the actions of the council and the police to be monitored.



## Racial Harassment Officers

It is hoped that eight new Race Equality Officers will be in post soon in the Housing Department - one at each District Office and two based centrally with Raj Ramessur, the Departmental Race Equality Advisor.

For the appointed officers to deal with racial harassment effectively it will be essential that they receive every possible support from District staff with whom they will be working and from the Black community.

Local communities and tenants associations must be fully aware of the damaging effect that racial harassment has on a victim's quality of life.

If it is to be eliminated, then all cases of harassment must be brought out into the open. The Council, in turn, must ensure that the racial harassment policy is implemented to its fullest extent, so that victims are given immediate assistance and appropriate effective action taken against the perpetrators - to deter these attacks in the future.

## **BLACK TENANTS'**

### INAUGURAL MEETING

To be held at :

5 Westminster Bridge Road  
London, SE1.

on : Saturday, 30th March  
1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

5 Westminster Bridge Road is the home of of Open Access and a number of other Black organisations.

Creche facilities will be available.

The Black Tenants Unit, who have arranged this inaugural meeting, was set up to support Black tenants across London.

Its list of aims and objectives include: support for Black tenants in confronting institutionalized racism in housing; and campaigning for proper representation of black people in all forms of housing.

The Black Tenants Inaugural Meeting will seek to draw up a constitution for the Unit and discuss future strategies.

## WELCOME LORNA

Lorna Williams is the new Black worker with HARU. She worked previously as a Housing Advisor at Lambeth Housing Advice Centre. As part of her work with the unit she aims to help strengthen the links that HARU has with the Black community.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

As part of the GLC's work on anti-racism, a Working Party was set up to organise a conference on Black People and Homelessness.

The Conference is planned for Saturday, 22nd June.

Various black speakers will be asked to address the Conference. A number of workshops will be run tackling the various aspects of the problems of Black homeless people.

The ultimate aim will be to produce a series of recommendations or resolutions which will then be put forward for discussion.

## **FUNDING MEETING**

The 'Southwark Against Government Attacks on local democracy' campaign (SAGA) is holding a meeting on Friday, March 29th. at Bells Gardens Community Centre for voluntary organisations to discuss present and future funding. Clive Soley, Labour MP and member of the standing committee which debated the Abolition Bill, will be speaking on how GLC abolition will affect, in particular, **Black and Ethnic Minority Groups**. Cllr. Ritchie will also be there to discuss Southwark Council's position on funding in the face of rate-capping.

For further details, contact Ai Meun at SCVS, tel. 7323731.

## **DANCE PROJECT**

30 young people between the ages of 10 and 25 wanted for a dance project leading to a performance during the Southwark Community Arts Festival in June. This involves intensive work in the areas of Jazz, Contemporary and Afro-Caribbean Dance. Applicants must be able to prove at least one year's regular commitment to dance classes. Contact Vaughan Aston at Southwark Entertainments. Tel.7036311 ext. 2330. Closing date for application forms is 8th. April.



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## CUTS AND FUNDING INSERT

### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO GLC GRANTS?

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The Secretary of State has given a general consent to all grants where the 137 element will be under £15,000 in 85/86. For grant where the 137 element is over £15,000 there will have to be consent on an individual basis. However it is now expected that the DoE will deal with these quickly.

#### Late Payment of GLC grants.

The GLC say that there is a backlog of work in the finance department due to a lot of extra work, for instance on the sec. 142 injunctions. This is delaying some groups getting grant payments which have been agreed. The GLC add that it will help groups' grants to arrive more quickly if groups make sure that the various reports the GLC ask for are supplied in good time.

#### GLC BUDGET

Dr. Tony Hart, the new Chair of the GLC Grants Sub Committee (Any Harris has resigned from the post) has stated that there is no fear of cuts to the existing grants programme while the Labour Party remains in control at County Hall. There is enough money in the agreed budget to cover existing grants. The growth which had been hoped for will however now not be possible because the rate was not set at the maximum level.

Unfortunately one of the reasons people at County Hall are confident of the agreed budget being able to cover grants is the increasing number of staff vacancies at County Hall. This shortage of staff will however affect the quality of the service the GLC can provide, including the work of processing grants. Some money for new grants may become available when renewals have been dealt with.

The GLC has obtained legal advice that the contract that the GLC and groups sign when a GLC grant is given means that GLC grants

are legal contracts. This gives groups a lot of protection in the financial year 85/86. However this legal contract only runs until 1st April 1986 because it does not seem that the GLC has power to commit itself beyond this date.

### ILEA GRANTS

The Government restored £45 million to ILEA. Although this is still a great deal less than ILEA considers it needs, ILEA believes it now has enough money to be able to avoid cuts in 85/86. This includes no cuts in grants. Unless there is a substantial change in the Government approach, ILEA anticipates that there will be serious financial problems in 86/87.

### ABOLITION BILL

#### CLAUSE 46

##### CLAUSE 46 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL THE COMMITTEE STAGE

Clause 46 of the Bill, which is the clause that deals with alternative arrangements for the voluntary sector, was discussed on Tuesday, 26th February.

A number of amendments were proposed that were designed to ensure that the benefits of GLC funding were not overlooked by the Committee and to draw attention to the shortcomings of the Clause. The amendments were lost.

Sir George Young introduced the Clause by announcing some concessions:

- that collective funding should be higher than £10 million for the whole of London.
- that the Government will amend the Bill to ensure that a "lead borough" is appointed to establish a London wide grant giving unit. The London Borough of Richmond have offered to do this.

The voluntary organisations in the public gallery were not very impressed with these concessions. They knew that it means nothing for the Government to increase the



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limit that the borough councils are allowed to spend when they are putting no central government funds on the table. They also know that the creation of a team of officers based at Richmond Council (the Authority which has agreed to be the "lead" Council) will not be able to fill the policy vacuum. Without the GLC, any london-wide programme of grants is likely to be drastically reduced and will be decided by a completely different set of priorities. It was clear throughout the debate that some M.P's had been impressed by the voluntary sector campaign and knew that feelings run high on this issue.

Tony Banks, Clive Soley, Simon Hughes and allan Roberts all supported of voluntary and community groups.

Simon Hughes detailed the implications of the legislation for voluntary organisations in Southwark and talked about the special needs of the Borough.

The next stage of the Bill is the Report Stage which will happen at the end of March or early April, but anyway before Easter. This is the stage at which the Minister will report to the House of Commons on the proceedings of the Committee.

Report Stage takes two days and on the second day the opposition will be introducing amendments on voluntary organisations. Immediately after this the Bill will go to the House of Lords where it will be debated by all the peers. It is important that members of the House of Lords are well informed about the implications of this Bill.

It is important that voluntary organisations in Southwark continue to lobby any members of the House of Lords that you know or have contacts with.

Members with particular connections with Southwark are:-

The Right Reverend R. Bowlby  
The Bishop of Southwark  
Lord Fraser of Tullybelton  
Lord McFadzean of Kelvinside  
Lord Sainsbury

All can be written to at the House of Lords SW1A 0AA.

As you will have seen from the papers, the church has taken something of a lead on increasing poverty and deprivation in inner city areas and we particularly urge you to write to the Bishop of Southwark who is very supportive to the work that voluntary organisations do in Southwark. His address is Bishops House, 38, Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham, SW16 1QZ.

## SOUTHWARK BOROUGH FUNDING

### THE LEADERS LETTER:

By now every voluntary organisation in Southwark will have received a letter from the Leader of the Council, Tony Ritchie. This confirms his commitment to the voluntary sector as well as the Councils own Jobs & Services during the period of the rate capping crisis. Grants will be paid monthly and voluntary organisations will be consulted "at all stages of the 1985/86 rate making process" .

Management Committees will of course want more information than this about the exact implications of these arrangements for their own organisation. We have urged that the Council follow this letter up with some guidelines but the uncertainty of the situation makes it difficult to give clear step by step advice.

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### GLC:MORE CURBS ANNOUNCED

On Thursday 21st March, the Government announced yet more controls which are to be introduced retrospectively to limit the GLC's right to spend its own funds before it is abolished.

With effect from 22nd March 1985, the GLC will be expected to submit all contracts worth more than £15,000 for the minister's veto.

This power will not exist in law until the Abolition Bill is passed, but it is designed to have effect from before the law is passed.

## URBAN AID

Thank you to all the organisations who filled in the questionnaire from SCVS about the interviewing and short listing procedure for Urban Aid applications last year. From the replies we have learned that organisations appreciated the improved procedure and felt the interviews were relaxed and welcoming.

However organisations still had comments about the way the process could be improved further and we will make recommendations to the Council from these comments. These include:

- that the interviewing panel should remain as small as possible
- that the panel should know as much detail as possible about the project before applicants are interviewed.
- that the notice of dates and times of interviews should be longer.
- that organisations would like to know if they were not shortlisted the reason for this.

### URBAN AID RESULTS STILL NOT OUT.

At the time of writing the Urban Aid results have still not been announced. On top of the ratecapping and GLC funding crisis, this has created yet more stress for those organisations waiting to hear. In normal years the time the results come out gives little chance to plan. Time expired projects are having to be "tidied over" by the Council on an emergency basis.

We know that the total allocation to the Urban Programme has been cut by 10% and we have made representation to the DoE and local MPs about this.

TRADITIONAL URBAN PROGRAMME is also to be cut by 10%. Because of existing high revenue commitments the amount of money available to new and time expired projects will be halved from £15m to about £7.5m.

AS we have said before, Urban Aid remains very important to the voluntary sector in Southwark and is a relatively secure form of funding in these present times. It is a serious blow to the voluntary sector that such an important source of funding is now also creating crises for organisations.

## HOLIDAY PROJECT FUNDING

The following Black/ethnic minority groups received funding for their 1985 Easter Play Schemes: Southwark Muslim Womens Assn, Black Women's Action, Women's Cultural United Group, Childrens United Cultural Group.

The decision was taken by the new Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee (SHPGC) which had its first meeting on 8th. March 1985. Because of the wish to get this committee together and the delay in being able to hold meetings in Feb., the main task for the committee at this meeting had to be the distribution of the funding for the Schemes. There was only time to discuss very basic issues of policy and priorities. The new committee also had to face the 50% cut in Urban Aid grant for holiday projects. The total grant received by Southwark for '85 was only £12,000 compared with £25,000 in '84 plus urban aid through ILEA. The Committee agreed to write to protest about this cut.

The new SHPGC is made up of representatives from the Area Youth Committee, LBS Councillors, and the voluntary sector (various interests within the voluntary sector was specified and this included ethnic minority interests). The aim of the SHPGC was to fund as many groups as possible. A total of 28 groups had applied for a total of £22,757. The SHPGC decided that they could only allocate £10,000 for Easter Schemes, almost a third of the total reduced budget of £31,000.

The Committee will meet next in April when there can be more detailed discussion of policy and priorities and dates decided for closing dates for summer applications. If you would like more details about holiday project funding, or about becoming involved in any of the Easter playschemes, contact Sarah Newton at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, tel. 703631 ext. 2387

A LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT by national and local playschemes took place on Thurs. 28th March at the House of Commons.

If your organisation is involved in playgrounds or playschemes please write to your MP about the 50% cut to funding for play in Southwark through Urban Aid.



# CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

## UPDATE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING

In the Summer of 84 LBS brought out some new proposals for conditions of Grant Aid to voluntary organisations. It was agreed that there would be a period of consultation with the voluntary sector on these new conditions and financial arrangements. In October '84 SCVS called a general meeting to discuss these proposals and there was considerable disquiet with some of the proposals and the implications for the independence of voluntary organisations. It was agreed at the meeting that there should be further discussions with LBS Councillors, Council Officers and the voluntary sector, and representatives from the voluntary sector were chosen as suggested at the meeting to form a working group. This Working Group met and prepared a voluntary sector draft for conditions of grant aid, bearing in mind the points raised at the general meeting. The Working Group also found that it was difficult to draw up conditions of Grant Aid without considering the role of the monitoring officer, and therefore spent a little time beginning to put together some proposals on the role of the monitoring officer.

On February 14th a joint meeting was held with LBS to which the voluntary sector working group submitted their drafts; but after long discussion there were still significant differences between the voluntary sector view and the council view. In particular the Councils require-

ment that the monitoring officer has the right to have access to all management committee meetings and minutes, and the Council's requirement that to monthly accounts be submitted to identify under spend that any changes in expenditure of grant having to be approved by monitoring officers. It was clear that this joint meeting would not be able to agree a draft and it was decided that the Council should write another draft that would try to take account of the points that the voluntary sector group had made.

The current position is that we are awaiting this draft and the voluntary sector working group will be meeting on Friday 12 April, 2 p.m. at SCVS to consider this draft and what should happen next. The Working Group would welcome some new representatives from black and ethnic minority groups. Sid Hercules who died suddenly and sadly from SCCR was actively involved in this work, and Pat Oakely who is now on maternity leave was also involved. The group would also be happy to receive any comments or points of view from groups, and we want to emphasise that any papers Conditions of Grant Aid that people may have read and discussed are still only drafts. Nothing has been decided and agreed and the consultation is still going on.

If in the future a set of proposals is agreed by the voluntary sector Working Group with the Council, this document will then be circulated to the voluntary sector as a whole for their comment and approval.

" Southwark Against Government

Attacks on local democracy "

**WHAT NOW? WHAT NEXT?**

**MEETING FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 10.00 - 3.00**

**AT BELLS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**BULLER CLOSE (OFF PECKHAM HILL ST.)**

 **SPECIAL FEATURES**

10.30 Tony Ritchie, Leader of the Council will be talking about the position of voluntary sector funding now that Southwark has not set a rate.

2.15

Clive Soley, Labour MP for Hammersmith will be talking about GLC Abolition, what to do now and will focus on the needs of ethnic minority groups. It is feared that abolition will hit black and asian groups now receiving funding from the GLC particularly hard and that new groups now have even less hope of funding in the future.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE

The campaign is a newly formed group consisting of 5 organisations and several individuals. It was initiated by the Southwark Monitoring Project and Stoke Newington and Hackney Defence Campaign because of the arrest and now imprisonment of William Carr. The campaign believe that William was attacked and framed by the officers from Kennington Road Police Station, the same station believed to have attacked Ace Kelly with his daughter.

Support is being seeked for William through letters, cards, pickets and protest as a way of alleviating the pressure on him for speaking out and being involved in a widely-publicised campaign.

The campaign want to create, at the same time, their own Instant Response Units, which can mobilise at any time, night or day, members of the community as well as solicitors, doctors, councillors, MPs, the press etc. In the pipeline is the production of a (comment) petition against police violence, statement of support from dignatories, model resolution for groups, unions, etc. Most of all, the campaign believes that a strong organisation can be built by linking up area to area and regular distribution of material in the locality informing people of police attacks etc, thereby showing that organised resistance is possible

### S.M.P.

#### 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Southwark Monitoring Project operates a 24 hour Emergency Service for all residents within the Borough.

We are desperately in need of volunteers - people who can act in emergencies and give good accurate advice. If you have a 'phone and are available at night or weekends to answer calls and would like to help, contact 703 1906.

Do not worry about training. We will give all the training that is necessary. Don't delay, call us today - 703 1906 10am to 6pm.

*'That way mate.' Are race relations initiatives just another way of avoiding the issue?*



NEW INTERNATIONALIST, MARCH 1985

#### WHAT ABOUT OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES?

The Race Unit at Southwark Town Hall has fought all resistance and assisted in financing the Unity Centre for repairs.

All too often, thought, the Race Unit is used by other Committees/Units within the Council, as the saviour for all race-related problems. Bullshit!

I applaud the Race Unit for pushing to help finance a project that is all too often frowned upon or ignored. What is of concern to me is the other projects that are desperately in need. The school at St. Lukes, Sumner Road is occupied by a local Black group with little funds - is not a school of importance to the Council - apart from the Race Unit?

What of a local black businessman who is having difficulties with his much-needed Bakery/restaurant on Peckham High Street. Why is it that only the Race Unit shows an interest? What about Jobs and Industry Committee? What about all this help for small businesses, especially small Black businesses?

Council Rhetoric - "Black problem/funding - give it to the Race Unit - they have little or no money, but it will keep them quiet." for today that is - but - tomorrow has to come.

Derek Clark, chair,  
Sojourner Truth Youth Assn.



## **SID HERCULES**

The Staff and Executive of SCVS would like to express their sadness at the death of Sid Hercules. Sid, who is very well known to many, died on holiday in Trinidad. His death was the result of a heart attack and was completely unexpected. He had been carrying out his work as Southwark Senior Community Relations Officer in the normal way until his holiday.

Sid had been a member of SCVS Executive for some time and made a valuable contribution to the life of the voluntary sector in Southwark. He had been working at SCCR for the past five years.

Letters of sympathy can be sent to his wife Mrs Anna Hercules c/o Southwark CCR 352, Camberwell Road, SE5.

## **DEPORTATION MEETING**

The recent report of the commission for Racial Equality (CRE) into the immigration system, provides hard evidence of the inherent racism of the immigration system, with many officers seeing their primary purpose as keeping Black people out of the country.

The Guardian on March 21st reported that a confidential Home Office briefing to ministers showed that long queues of people with legal rights to enter Britain are deliberately maintained to regulate the number of Black people coming into this country.

In conjunction with this the use of deportations has also increased dramatically. More than 50 people a week are deported every week. Black families are divided as highlighted by the Lovelace Akwei case. In contrast Zola Budd was granted citizenship in 10 days!

These Laws also give the police and immigration officers wide power to harass Black people and hold them indefinitely in detention centres.

**S.C.V.S. is holding a public meeting on Deportations on 30th April at 7.15pm. Speakers include:**

- \* Harriet Harman M.P.
- \* Tony Ritchie Leader Swk. Council.
- \* Mr Lakhani Afro-Asian Advisory
- \* Speaker from J.C.W.I.
- \* Gulam Mayet Black N.A.L.G.O.

If you want leaflets and posters or further information please ring 732 3731.

## **LITERATURE COMPETITION**

The GLC's Ethnic Minorities Unit is organising a first-time-ever Black literature competition with prizes totalling £13,350. Section A is open to all authors and is for major pieces of published work- fiction, drama, poetry, criticism- on the theme of Black individuals or communities in Britain. Section B is for unpublished work by Black (ie non-European) London writers and may be novels, plays, short stories, poems, or criticism. (3 prizes for each section B category) Closing date- 30 April. For further details and application form, contact SCVS or Anita Breeveld at GLC, tel. 633 1273.



Illustration from ILEA Anti-Sexist Resource Guide.

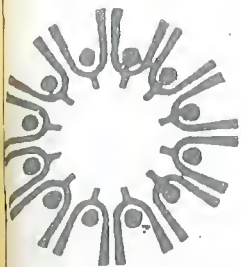
## **Southwark Action on *HOMEWORKING***

Most Homeworkers in Southwark are Ethnic minority women working in isolation within the home because of unemployment, lack of childcare facilities, language barriers and racism.

In most cases Homeworkers are kept in ignorance about their status. Homeworking is a full time job for women without basic rights and exploited by the large companies and sweatshops.

The Homeworking project in Southwark has been crucial in organising and lobbying for Homeworkers rights. The T.U.C. has produced statements on Homeworking and recognised that it is a women's issue. We need the support of the T.U.C. to organise Homeworkers and raise their demands.

Southwark Council has recently appointed a Homeworking Officer. Part of her job will be to find training provision, look into childcare facilities and find alternative ways of working for Homeworkers. If you want more information on Homeworking in Southwark contact Ellen Noor on 703 6311 x 2155.



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MAY 1985

## NEWSLETTER

### CUTS

#### URBAN AID RESULTS

##### A 50% CUT ON LAST YEARS

##### TOTAL

Here are the results...

We think these results are suprising in view of this letter to Gerry Bowden sent from Sir George Young.

Southwark will receive this year in Urban Aid the paltry total of £165,543.

These are the figures compared to last year:

|         | Revenue | Capital |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Circ.24 |         |         |
| 84/85   | 205,675 | 225,095 |
| Circ.25 |         |         |
| 85/86   | 109,752 | 55,791  |

We have made immediate representation to the Southwark MP's.

#### THREAT TO EMPLOYMENT UNIT FUNDING

With no prior warning or consultation Southwark Jobs & Industry Committee have written to SCVS stating that the Council will only renew the units funding for a temporary period of 3 months plus 3 months notice of redundancy, while the work of the Unit is reviewed.

SCVS Management & workers are deeply concerned at the Jobs & Industry Committee's lack of regard for the E.U. staff & also about its implications for the voluntary sector. It is clearly appallingly bad practice to threaten an organisation's grant first & review the work afterwards. This seems more of a bullying tactic than an attempt to negotiate fairly & rationally. SEE ATTACHED INSERT

### URBAN AID RESULTS

| Priority                                                      | Capital | Revenue                  | Time Expired/New |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Sojourner House:                                           | 6,500   | 24,000<br>(2 years only) | T/E              |
| 2. Club of Dance and Self Defence                             | 34,291  | 40,000                   | New              |
| 3. Community Development Project for the Mentally Handicapped | 10,000  | 20,000<br>(2 years only) | T/E              |
| 4. Peckham Black Women's Group                                | 5,000   | -                        | New              |
| 5. East Dulwich T.A. Community Project                        | -       | 25,752<br>(2 years only) | T/E              |

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
2 MARSHAM STREET LONDON SW1P 3EB  
01-212 3434

My ref: PSO/46822

Your ref:

16 January 1984

Thank you for your letter to Patrick Jenkin, dated 16 November 1983, about Traditional Urban Programme support in Southwark.

We acknowledge that Southwark has a high level of urban deprivation and this is reflected in the extent of our funding of Traditional Urban Programme projects in the Borough. Last year only three authorities received a higher level of revenue support for new approvals. This year Southwark have submitted 15 applications, all for voluntary sector projects and, as usual, these will be carefully considered in the light of the criteria set out in the annual Urban Programme Circular. We hope to announce our decisions on the applications some time in February.

I am aware that the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service have recently expressed concern about the future level of Urban Programme resources as a result of a Financial Times article which suggested that a 50% cut was proposed. I am glad to be able to assure you that there was no truth in this report. Despite tight restraints on public expenditure Urban Programme resources for 1984/85 have been maintained at the same level as in 1983/84.

SIR GEORGE YOUNG

Gerald Bowden Esq TD MP



# CUTS...

## ILEA & CUTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

As the Local Government (Abolition) Bill is progressing through the House of Lords, more details are emerging about the reconstituted ILEA. If present proposals go ahead as currently drafted, a lot of work in the voluntary sector funded through ILEA will be threatened.

This will not just be due to the shortage of money through rate-capping - but because ILEA will not be empowered to continue to support them. In particular ILEA is to have no powers to raise Section 137 'safety net' money, through which many voluntary groups are funded. There will be no powers for joint funding with other authorities, and the Secretary of State has powers to intervene on staffing, management & salary levels. These proposals could all mean serious difficulties for continued funding of, for example, adventure playgrounds and pre-school playgroups.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS: GRANT AID

Applications for grant aid for holiday play schemes are invited from voluntary/community groups. Projects must be located within the Borough of Southwark and are intended to be small scale, short-term play and other recreational schemes operated during the 1985 Summer holiday period. Examples of types of projects which may be funded include:

- ★ Estate-based play projects.
- ★ Activities in Arts, Crafts, Drama.
- ★ Social and Educational Trips and Outings.
- ★ Activities for the Under-fives.
- ★ Projects for the Mentally and Physically Handicapped.

Application forms and a booklet on 'How to Apply' are available from Sarah Newton, Town Hall, Room 4.04, Peckham Road, S.E.5. Tel: 703 6311 Extension 2142.

**CLOSING DATE IS 13TH MAY, 1985.**

**SOUTHWARK: A LONDON BOROUGH**

## FUNDS FOR SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT WORK IN ADULT LITERACY & BASIC SKILLS

The Adult Literacy & Basic Skills Unit (ALBSU) is able to sponsor Special Development Projects for periods of up to 2 years, in collaboration with both statutory & voluntary bodies.

For details on the priority areas of funding, eligibility and procedures for grant applications apply to: ALBSU, Kingsbourne House, 229-231 High Holborn, WC1V 7DA. (405 4017)

# GRANTS/FUNDS

## CAPITAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Southwark Council's Community Affairs Committee is making £57,000 available in 1985/86 to community groups & organisations in Southwark in the form of **CAPITAL GRANTS**.

Such grants must be used for one-off expenditure on building renovation work or for purchasing major items of equipment (eg. a minibus). Normally individual capital grants must be for more than £6000.

The activities of successful applicants will fall under the Terms of Reference of the Community Affairs Committee which has assisted:

- Community Centres
- Information & Advice Centres
- Community Newspapers
- Toy Libraries

For further information & application form contact: The Community Development Section, Room 4:08, Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5 or ring 703 6311 Ext. 2084

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday, 10th May 1985.

## LBS CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

There will be a general meeting for all voluntary organisations to discuss the latest drafts of LBS CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID on 9th May 1985 at 7.30, SCVS, 135 Rye Lane SE15.

Most groups have already been sent a revised draft from Ruth Geall at the Town Hall asking for your comments. The Voluntary Sector Working Group is also sending out a draft and these two documents will be looked at in detail at the meeting. If no-one from your organisation is able to attend the meeting we would welcome your written comments or you could talk to us on the 'phone or in the Office.

For more information please contact; Jenny Williams.

## Funding for Ethnic Arts

If you are a community group offering Black community arts activities and workshops but are concerned about future prospects for funding in the light of Government cuts and possible GLC abolition, SCVS is holding a planning meeting to organise speakers and topics of discussion for the Black Community Arts Forum on April 26th. at 10.30am at 135, Rye Lane. The meeting will also be looking into the structure and work of such a forum, aimed at the promotion of ethnic arts in Southwark.

## CUTS...

### THE ABOLITION BILL

As you will have seen from newspapers & TV, the Bill to abolish the GLC & the Metropolitan Counties is now being distributed in the House of Lords. The Bishop of Southwark was one of the key speakers on the first day.

The Lords will start the Committee stage on Monday 29th April. Clause 1 concerns the agreement that the GLC ceases to operate on 1st April 1986 so any amendments to this clause are crucial.

The Bishop of Southwark is coming to meet GLC funded organisations & other interested organisations at lunchtime on April 29th. This will be at SCVS & will be a chance for him to hear more about the work of these groups.

### URBAN AID CONFERENCE

A national conference is being held to discuss action to be taken by voluntary organisations to halt the wind down of such an important source of funding. It is being run by the NCVO, & co-sponsors include the SCVS.

It is on Wednesday 8th May 1985 at 1.30 pm at the Midland Hotel, Derby. All Urban Aided projects are welcome, including holiday projects which will be one of the items for discussion.

If you would like to go please contact Veronica Ward at SCVS.

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ADDRESS .....  
ORGANISATION ..... TEL .....  
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## COURSES

### ALCOHOL COUNSELLING SERVICE COURSE

There is a 5 day course running from Monday, 17th June - Friday, 21st June which aims to help workers develop the basic skills needed to enable clients to assess the nature & degree of an alcohol related problem & to explore ways of offering further support & counselling to both drinkers & their relatives or close friends

Fees: a) General fee £60.00

b) Local fee £35.00

The local fee is for participants who live or work in the London boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham or Southwark. Further details & a booking form from:

Alcohol Counselling Service

34 Electric Lane, SW9 8JT (737 3579/70)

## MEETINGS

### DEPORTATION MEETING

You have probably heard that Lovelace Akwei has been allowed to stay in Britain, but there are many other people who are not so lucky. There is a public meeting about deportation on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 pm. (See insert for further details.)

### SOUTHWARK NEEDS ILEA/SOUTHWARK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

These two groups are linked together in the campaign to save ILEA. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, 30th April at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road SE5.

They also publish a newsletter, and copies can be obtained from:  
Ann Bernadt, 29 Court Lane, SE21 (693 4507)  
Bill Bell, 101 Bellenden Rd, SE15 (639 9435)

### SOUTH LONDON CENTRAL AMERICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

This campaign group meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7.30 pm in Southwark Town Hall (Lambeth Town Hall from June onwards) A monthly newsletter is produced with updates on the situation and news of local events.

New members are always welcome. Individual membership is £3.00/£1.50 a year, group affiliation is £5.00 (Donations always welcome) In both cases cheques should be made payable to South London CASC & sent to the Secretary, Amanda Forster, 30 Rusper Court, Clapham Rd, SW9 (733 7706)



## INFO/ADVICE

### NEW BUDGET LAWS & TAX ON BANK INTEREST

Since April 6th 1985 tax has been deducted at source on interest earned on bank deposit accounts - it's called Composite Rate Tax.

However this tax does not apply to charities, most clubs, societies & certain trusts.

Make sure your bank is aware of exempt status under the terms of the Act, if you are a registered charity or society.

### POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY CHARITIES

Southwark Law Project has drawn SCVS's attention to some useful guidance on this subject. If your organisation is concerned about this matter and you would like a photocopy of the information, please contact Sue Clarke SCVS ( 732 3731 )



### PLANNING AID FOR LONDONERS

This offers a free service on Town Planning Problems for people in

Greater London. Information leaflets are printed in Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Cantonese, Greek & Turkish as well as English (if only other organisations were so efficient).

For further information & leaflets apply to: Planning Aid for Londoners, 26 Portland Place, W1N 4BE (580 7277).

### GLC CLAIMANTS COMMISSION

This is a group of claimants brought together by the GLC to help with problems relating to claiming benefits and to lobby for a better service:

For advice you can ring Freephone 2838 (dial 100 & ask for the number), between 10 - 4, Mon - Fri, or for more information on the activities of the Commission write to: The Commission Office, Room 217, The County Hall, SE1 7PB.

### SPORTSLINE - A NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE

A new GLC service. Dial 222 8000 between 10 - 6 any day of the week and Sportslines will provide straightforward information on any sport & leisure activity going on in London with details of how, where, when & how much.

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Collection arranged and Transport to Tanzania organised. If you can help please contact: Andy Benson (708 0015 W)  
(732 0606 H)

### PROJECT WORKER REQUIRED FOR:

#### BUILDING BLOCKS

(Under 5's anti-racism and outreach training centre)

To join an existing team engaged in working with carers to develop positive cultural awareness in children under 5 through the use of multi-cultural play materials.

Applicants should have a commitment to an anti-racist approach to under-fives work, experience in working with under-fives and a sensitivity to their needs, knowledge and/or experience of an ethnic minority community. Fluency in a relevant language would be helpful but not essential eg. Urdu, Creole, Yoruba, Turkish, Vietnamese etc.

35 hrs per week, salary NJC Scale 6 (£8532 - £9114 + £1248 L.W.)

For further details and job description please write enclosing s.a.e. to: Maureen Muddell, Personnel Officer, Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell SE5 8RD.

Closing date: 3rd May 1985. This post is GLC funded. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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JUNE 1985

## NEWSLETTER

### CUTS-----✂----- GLC ABOLITION

Despite the extensive efforts of the voluntary sector and of the churches, the House of Lords narrowly defeated an amendment to establish a joint elected board.

One of the means the Government seems to have used was a last minute 'concession' establishing a £10 million Trust which will be used for the voluntary sector. This new money will come from the sale of GLC assets such as County Hall. The £10 million will be invested and is expected to yield £1 million per year. It is this money which will go to the voluntary groups. The Government has already offered £15 million p.a. extra funding for voluntary organisations in London and other metropolitan areas. The GLC alone has been granting more than £50 million p.a. Recent figures show Southwark groups as receiving £3½ million. The new Trust is intended by the Government to raise money from Industry, but presumably if it did it would be at the expense of groups who are already funded by Industry.

The defeat of the voluntary sector idea for a London wide social policy forum is also serious in that there will be no successor body to fund the important new developments which the GLC have been promoting. Efforts are still continuing to get amendments at the report stage in the Lords, so it is still worth making your problems and views known.

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**STOP PRESS** - Inside this issue is an insert relating to the **Widecombe Enquiry** & its affect on the relationship between the voluntary sector & government.

It is very important that you make your views known to the Government.

PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL MP SOON.

### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID THE COUNCIL & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a set of Conditions as drafted by the voluntary sector. This was finalised at a meeting held on May 9th at SCVS. This paper will go to the Community Affairs Committee on 11th June as will the Officer's own draft conditions. The members will also receive the comments on each version, an outline of the differences between the two & a short paper setting out the basis for the voluntary sector's rejection of the officer's version (this is enclosed).

It is very important indeed that the members of the Community Affairs Committee are approached before this meeting by voluntary organisations. These are the members of the Community Affairs Committee:

Councillors Mike Geater(Chair,Lab), Ron Doyle(Vice chair,Lab), Mrs Clough(Con), Pam Cooper(Con), John R.M.Fowler(Lab), Graeme Geddes(Lab), Madan Kalia(Lab), Sam King(Lab), Steve Marsling(Lab), Peter Troy(Lab) and Jessica Wanamaker (Lab).

Please write to them or go & see them to explain why your organisation is not happy with the Conditions of Grant Aid proposed by Council Officers. It is also important that as many organisations as possible attend the Community Affairs Committee on 11th June to indicate the level of concern there is about the importance of having conditions of grant aid which both the Council and the voluntary organisations are agreed upon. The SCVS Working Group are writing to the Chair of C.A.C. to ask for speaking rights at the meeting.

The meeting will be at 7.00 at the Town Hall.



# URBAN AID

As we explained in the last newsletter it is very urgent that voluntary organisations make every effort to press government through their local M.P. to allocate more funds through the Urban Programme to Southwark. It is important also to stress that Urban Aid is important to Southwark. We have just done a quick analysis of the contribution Urban Aid has made to the Borough & it has been quite considerable. Urban Aid has funded advice centres, adventure playgrounds and many other imaginative projects which have contributed so much to developing new services. The fact that the government has caused these resources to dwindle does not mean we must allow them to disappear.

There are strong rumours that the Government may be planning to wind down further or even to abolish the Traditional Urban Aid.

Southwark is now applying for Programme Status. This would give Southwark £4-5 million from the Urban Programme instead of the £203,030 the Borough received this year.

We know Southwark has a good case in terms of levels of poverty etc. (see Poverty Fact Sheet No.2). When your organisation writes urge that your M.P. supports the application for Programme Status.

At the national conference about Urban Aid in Derby on May 8th convened by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations it was agreed that there must be pressure put on the government at a national level to ensure that resources for the Urban Programme are increased and that the important contribution being made by the Traditional Urban Programme (which is what Southwark receives) to the life of local communities is given a higher profile.

NCVO agreed at the Conference:

- to act as a clearing house for information about local projects/national figures etc.
- urgently request that government ministers meet voluntary organisations to discuss the Programme's future.
- contact local authority associations about the importance of the Urban Programme asking for their support.
- to set up a steering group of a wide variety of national & local organisations to take this work forward.

SCVS is represented on this steering group. If you would be interested in helping by being a member of this group talk to Veronica Ward at SCVS.

## RACE EQUALITY WORKSHOP



FOLLOW UP WORKSHOP ABOUT  
RACE EQUALITY & EMPLOYMENT

JULY 1st 10.00 - 4.30 at  
Bells Gardens Community Centre

Those organisations that attended, will remember that there were two workshops last year held at Bells Gardens Community Centre.

We have decided to have a follow up workshop for these organisations - to think together how they have managed (or not managed) to progress a race equality policy within their own organisation and what work they want to do now. We want particularly to look at support for black workers & how services can be made more accessible to members of ethnic minority groups. If you came to the last two workshops, please make a note of this date. Any other organisation which has also done some work on race equality in their organisation would be welcome to attend. To book a place 'phone Veronica Ward at SCVS.

THE ROUNDHOUSE is a new arts centre in North London which aims to promote all aspects of the arts from the country's Black community. They are sponsoring a one-day seminar on June 24th, at the Albany Empire in Deptford to discuss the present and future position of the arts of Black Peoples in Britain and community involvement in the arts. For further details, contact C. Coker at The Roundhouse, tel. 482 4024/5245.

## BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop of Southwark came to SCVS on April 29th to talk to representatives from a number of voluntary organisations. This was just before the Lords Committee stage on the Local Government Bill opened. The Bishop is very concerned about the future of the voluntary organisations if the GLC is abolished (see extracts from letter). He found it useful to learn first hand about the kind of work some organisations are able to do with this funding. Unfortunately, often by a very narrow margin, crucial amendments which would have replaced the GLC with a new elected London wide body have been lost.

*From the Bishop of Southwark and others*

Sir, We have recently taken part in an ecumenical meeting which was probably unique. Two Anglican bishops, two Roman Catholic bishops and a Methodist chairman met, with the support of Baptist and United Reformed Church leaders, to explain to members of the different churches why they are so concerned at the effect of the Government's proposals to abolish a metropolitan authority for London.

The proposals as set out in the Bill, even with the amended clause relating to voluntary organisations, do not provide an adequate substitute for a metropolitan authority. Grant-giving is seen merely as an administrative exercise dependent on the voluntary agreement between a two-thirds majority of the boroughs; there is no policy, no strength of direction, no machinery for adequate consultation with the voluntary sector.

This vacuum cannot be filled by a small administrative unit set up under the revised lead borough arrangements and located at Richmond. Responsible bodies representing the voluntary sector have described these proposals as unworkable.

It is our considered view, and the view of many others, that the abolition of the GLC will mean a massive loss of financial support for the voluntary sector. The financial difficulties of many of the boroughs, particularly those with the most severe social problems, mean that

they will not be able, even when they no longer contribute to the GLC precept, to take over the GLC's funding of local voluntary organisations. In some cases this would mean doubling or trebling the amount they currently give to such projects.

The importance of the voluntary sector in alleviating social problems has been recognised by all, including the Government. The financial problems cannot be solved by talking in terms of eliminating "loony" or political projects. A minute fraction of projects currently funded by the GLC arouse controversy in some circles, but it is only a minute fraction, and many vigorous and vital voluntary projects are now threatened with closure.

We are not questioning the need for reform of local government in London, or basing our case on the merits or otherwise of any one administration at County Hall. Our concern is not with party politics, but with the wholeness and health of London's community. As St Paul said, using the analogy of the body, we are all members one of another, and when the weakest is hurt all suffer.

Yours sincerely,  
 † RONALD SOUTHWARK,  
 † JAMES STEPNEY,  
 PETER W. SUTCLIFFE,  
 † HOWARD TRIPP,  
 † VICTOR GUAZZELLI,  
 The London Churches Group,  
 The City Temple,  
 Holborn Viaduct, EC1.  
 April 25.



(The Times May 7th 1985)

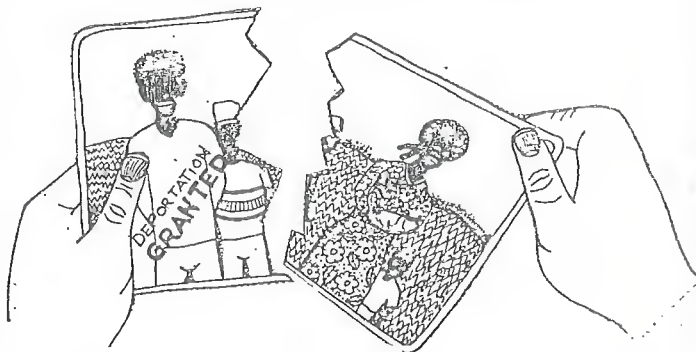
### LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS

As part of SCVS'S commitment to an active equal opportunities policy, SCVS is concerned that it should be doing more to promote lesbian & gay rights in Southwark. We are presently in the process of trying to collect more material on lesbian & gay rights in order to produce useful information & guidelines on

## DEPORTATION CAMPAIGN

As a result of the public meeting 'No to Deportations' held on 30th April at Peckham Town Hall it was decided that a Campaign Group should be set up to carry on the work of:

- fighting for changes to the present racist and sexist immigration & nationality laws.
- offering practical, moral and legal support to residents in Southwark facing deportation orders.
- making information on immigration & nationality more accessible with the possibility of producing a fact pack and working more closely with local advice centres.
- organising specialist training for advice workers & community workers.
- linking up & liaising with other similar campaign bodies, trade unions & black community organisations.



COME ALONG TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
 CAMPAIGN GROUP

Tuesday June 11th  
 6.30pm  
 at SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15

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employment policy and service provision strategies. We are also looking towards organising a day workshop on lesbian & gay rights towards the end of the year.

If you have any information regarding this or suggestions for discussion topics, speakers or training resources for the workshop, please contact: Sue Clarke at SCVS.

### SCVS services for the Deaf & Dumb

A member of SCVS staff, Barbara Watson is training as an interpreter in deaf & dumb language and is available to help any one coming to SCVS.



## BACK PAGE BITS



### SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S COMMUNITY MINIBUS

This 15 seater minibus is available for hire by all groups of women & children in Southwark who need transport for their activities.

The six seats fold away so that wheelchairs & equipment can be carried & there is a roof rack.

The bus can be driven by any woman over 21 with a clean driving licence. If possible groups should find their own driver (she will have to take a short test). We are also trying to get a list of volunteers to drive. Please let us know if you would like to do this.

For more information about the bus contact:

Tanya Whitty  
Women's Equality Unit  
c/o Southwark Women's Centre  
8 Peckham High Street  
SE15  
Tel. 701 9069

### LAST MINUTE GRANTS FOR LOCAL GROUPS

If you hurry, there's still time to apply for a grant from Southwark Amenities Committee. There are small one-off grants of up to £2,000 for the following activities:

Visual Arts; Theatre; Dance; Literacy, Reading Projects; Sports; Entertainment; Play; Open Space (improvements to existing sites)

Application forms are obtainable from the Community Plan Group, Town Hall, Peckham Rd SE15. For advice ring the Council's Grants Officer on 703-6311 Ext 2115.

The closing date is FRIDAY JUNE 7th  
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Other grants are available for community groups to help maintain existing nature gardens & open spaces. You will need to prioritise the items you apply for as money is limited.

Application forms are obtainable from Southwark Planning, Co-ordination Group, 30-32 Peckham Rd. SE5. For further information contact Sue Allen on 703-6311 Ext 2236.

The closing date is FRIDAY JUNE 7th

## INFO/ADVICE

### SOUTHWARK DIAL-A-RIDE

This service provides a door to door service for people with disabilities, using specially adapted vehicles for up to five passengers, two of whom can be in wheelchairs.

It is available for use by residents in Southwark who cannot use existing public transport because of a disability.

It costs 30 pence to £1 maximum depending on how far you travel and can be used from 7.30am - 11.30pm any day, with an amended service on Public Holidays. If you want to know more ring 582-6844. If you want to book ring 582-6155 from 10.00am - 4.00pm Mon-Fri.

### COMMUNITY PITCHES

Did you know that Southwark Council will allocate free market stalls to community groups & registered charities?

There is one stall/pitch available at each of the following sites; Choumert Rd; Northcross Road; Southwark Park Road and three pitches at East Street.

In order to apply for a pitch you need to write to the London Borough of Southwark Consumer Services, 23 Harper Rd, SE1 at least two weeks before the date that you want the stall and the letter must be on headed paper stating your charity registration number, or offering other proof of bona fide charitable status.

### JOBS INFORMATION OFFICER

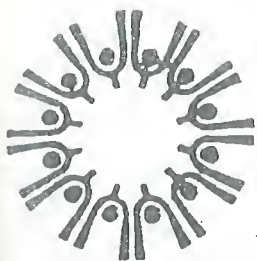
Coin Street Community Builders is looking for someone to encourage support for & understanding of our Coin St Development & the Community Areas Policy.

You will need an ability to communicate effectively & sympathetically with a wide range of visitors to our design centre, graphic & related skills to produce exhibition/publicity material, and a knowledge of, & a commitment to our Coin St Development and Community Areas Policy.

Salary: £10,362 (incl of London Weighting)  
Closing date for applications is JUNE 21st 1985.

Application forms/job descriptions from Linda at: Coin Street Community Builders  
99 Upper Ground  
London SE1  
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## SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

This is the second of our three-monthly features, reporting exclusively on matters of direct concern to Southwark's Black and Ethnic Minority Community, together with contributions from these community groups. This does not mean that SCVS staff are abandoning the need to present the contents of all issues of the newsletter in a way which reflects SCVS's equal opportunities and anti-racist policy.

SCVS welcomes any information and/or views from the local community which they would like to publish in our newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles/adverts for the next issue is **JULY 15th**.



SOJOURNER TRUTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION

WE have undertaken the historic task of having Sojourner Truth accorded her rightful place, respect and honour in black and world history. Sojourner Truth more than earned these merits by her life-long, principled, moral and justified struggle for the freedom of her people and gender.

HER struggle was wholistic in essence and content, incorporating the demand for self-determination for her race and women in the post-slavery days in the USA.

THE abolition of slavery brought into the open many contradictions and disadvantages contained in this patronistic act of token freedom. The plight of homelessness coupled with joblessness and the main obstacle of the American state being unable to accommodate the basic demands of its black citizens because of the unprecedented rise in racist violence, lynchings, rape, direct murder and assault etc etc.

IT is in this light that we identified with the struggles, life-experiences and principles of Sojourner Truth to the point of naming our initiative after her.

WE want people to know about the achievements and dedicated struggle of Sojourner Truth for a better world for all to live in. Today this is brought home easily as we find ourselves growing up in an immoral, unjust, void of opportunity, racist world where the down-pressure of black people is a every day part of life.

WE have taken two fundamental steps towards the goal of having Sojourner Truth accorded her rightful place, respect and honour in black and world history;

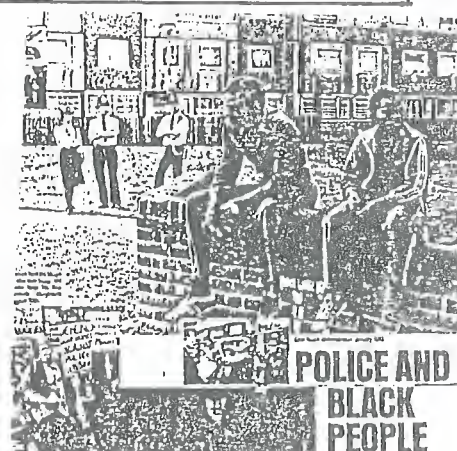
FIRSTLY we have named the group after Sojourner Truth; secondly we have named the centre and most of our activities, workshops and services after Sojourner Truth. We hope to stimulate research and interest in and about Sojourner Truth and other black people whose contributions to the struggle for a better, just, moral and equal world should have earned them more than just mention in racially

biased historical data. Sojourner Truth and others like her will only receive the rightful respect, honour and place due to them when people like ourselves declare them as such (hero's and heroines)

YET this aim when weighed against the crushing situational poverty around us in Peckham is secondary. What becomes primary to us is the priority of our doing something constructive that is of strategic benefit to local people and just as important our membership.

ADMITTEDLY we have been tired by the local authority's lack of faith and trust in our members and local peoples ideas. Even worst we becoming increasingly convinced that our local authority is totally insensitive, overly callous and patronising in its dealings with us, local youth and its black community. In general it seems the council is being paternalistic to the local voluntary sector whilst literally refusing to assist in the realisation of meaningful local aspirations held by its young and black communities. This is utter nonsense in that the reality of the situation demands radical investment to assuage the effects of joblessness especially amongst the youth.

RATE-CAPPING, abolition, privatisation are all causes of the local level of poverty and disadvantage. With no real response forthcoming we are left with no alternative than to seek to effect beneficial change ourselves by calling on members, the local community and in general the public.



LOCAL PEOPLE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST POLICE HARASSMENT

Some women on the East Dulwich Estate have formed themselves into a group called 'The East Dulwich Estate Women's Action Group Against Police Harassment'. The group came together as a result of treatment of some of the children on the estate when they are taken to Police Stations in the area. The women want something done to stop the police beating children when they are in the Stations. They also want fairer treatment when parents go to get the children from the police station. The group held a meeting on the 23 May which 70 people attended. Another meeting with Leader's of the community will take place soon. The Women plan to lobby Gerry Bowden and other M.P.'s at the House of Commons to tell them that the women of East Dulwich want the government to do something about this situation. They are demanding control over the police, so that they do not behave as if they are a law unto themselves.

If people are interested in joining this group, please contact Jennifer Hurte - 7 Ivybridge House, Pytchley Road, East Dulwich, SE22. Tel No:- 733-4803.

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PECKHAM and its people are proven to be the worst hit by the wave of joblessness in the whole of Europe. The truth of the matter is that this figure is rapidly rising especially amongst the black community and can only increase. Black youth as usual are getting the stick with no foreseeable let-up on the horizon.

LOOKING at the local, regional and national responses to our plight down here in Peckham, Southwark leaves us with no option, other than as mentioned, to seek to effect beneficial change ourselves.

RELEVANT strategies and policies to assist in the alleviation of local poverty and the realisation of meaningful aspirations are well over-due.



DOWN here at the Sojourner Truth Centre in Peckham seem to be in disagreement with the local council on two fundamental counts.

FIRSTLY; we believe that what we are doing is worthwhile, necessary, over-due and should be welcomed as we have by securing the premises presented the council with the opportunity to truly support local people by addressing the problem of unemployment and its side-effects coupled with the disadvantage faced by black people in their daily existences.

THE authority does not believe any of this.

SECONDLY; the authority seems to believe that we and local people are incapable of establishing something long-term. Come to think of it it is hard to believe that they believe we can even wipe our own noses. In fact the new "guidelines for monitoring the voluntary sector" can best be described as 'draconian'. They bear out the truth about Southwark's attitude to local people and their initiatives. It implies that voluntary groups are incapable of doing anything responsible without the council's "assistance" (seems more like excessive prying, patronage and insensitivity to many of us).

INSTEAD of welcoming our initiative, efforts and aspirations we are being dealt with like LITTLE KIDS who have done something naughty and need our bottoms spanked for thinking too high of ourselves.

THIS patronising and insensitivity seems to be a norm in its dealings with local voluntary initiatives especially those from its young and black community. We strongly reject these attitudes as it merely serves as a "delay-tactic" policy/strategy of the councils. If accepted its results will undoubtedly be detrimental to all locally.

WE have allotted space here at the Sojourner Truth centre to the following activities/projects/services or workshops:

Photography  
Nursery/Creche  
Music Studio  
Video Editing  
Theatre  
Print Shop  
Social Club  
Computer Room  
Kitchen/Restaurant

Dress-making/Tailors  
Carpentry Workshop  
Reference Library  
Laundry  
Youth Club/Gym  
Administration  
Radio Project  
Classrooms  
Sauna/Shower

ONCE we possess the equipments connected to each space then we can operate an endless programme. Those with employment, educational and training related elements that can be offered from here are endless too.

THIS should be welcomed as it greatly enhances the will of many local people, ideas and initiatives that are provenly ill-resourced. It must greatly benefit local people and the voluntary sector in many ways.

SOUTHWARK borough council is in-undated with requests for suitable premises and access to adequately equipped facilities, up-to-date equipment right down to basic storage space.

ALL groups need access to these things whether fund-raising or routinely in their work with local people. eg. pa systems, video, computers, print, music, administration, venue, halls etc

BY securing the former St Luke & Camden C of E school in Peckham we automatically receive the potentiality to fill this gaping chasm in local provisioning, while simultaneously responding positively and constructively to the startlingly high number of jobless amongst our membership and the local populace.

THE authority is the first to admit that they can in no way meet even a fraction of the demand for premises, staffing, equipments and resources in general.

ALL responses to date have been tokenistic. For instance the Sojourner Truth Youth Association along with other local groups and individuals came together to petition the council that they secure the Peckham Odeon for and on behalf of its local community with the intention of repairing, modifying and equipping it for use as a "Community Cultural and Arts Centre cum Venue" with an emphasis on the young, black and jobless.

IN the end the council gave the permission to have it demolished without consultation after having costings, plans, meetings, lobbying and all the other time consuming crap that goes into any major financial demand, produced taking up many months of our time and energies. This decision to knock it down was taken on the

quiet by councillors who didn't even bat an eye-lid at the destruction of local aspirations. Thus the Odeon exists no more but those same needs, aspirations, expectations, lack of provisioning and disadvantage remain and increases.

SOUTHWARK can support this project by making a financial commitment in a gesture of good-will, trust, faith and honesty to enable us to undertake the minimum repair and modifications. This will be seen as a positive contribution to local people as we do not want to be spoon-fed but just to be given the opportunity to overcome the first obstacles of the eradication of dry-rot and the minimal roof repairs to stop the place deteriorating any further. This will give us the breathing space to take on the major repairs in a gradual way. We see assisting our project as an INVESTMENT and not a WASTE of public money. It is an investment in the creativity, aspirations and fibre of local people and the environment.

THE school premises are fitting and adequate enough to enable a worthwhile project and initiative to be developed not only for local people but by local people.

To have accepted the dictates of the council and other funding bodies would mean our waiting around until next summer. This is doubly detrimental as at that time the true effects of Abolition and Rate-Capping coupled together with Privatisation will be made known and monies will be even scarcer.

Even worst we cannot afford to wait until next year to start doing something about our situations and the decaying nature of dry-rot and a leaking roof affecting our centre.

We need to act now in a collective way to establish this important initiative as no one else seems to be interested in the local plight.

Milton Miller  
STYA  
St Luke's School  
161 Summer Road  
Peckham SE15  
Tel. No. 708 3023

**PLEASE NOTE:** STYA need around £200,000 to renovate their building and put it into a safe condition for public use.

STYA have been offered money from various other bodies, but have a problem in that these grants are only available to them if the Local Authority supports them financially as well - and so far Southwark Council hasn't been forthcoming. STYA do not need this money all at once, and in the meantime would welcome support from the local community in a variety of ways; they need donations, materials, and expertise from people who could supervise groups of volunteers.

So show your support of STYA. Become members of their organisation, sign petitions, or just go along and visit the project.

**STYA**



THE GOD... ONE AIM... ONE DESTINY  
SOJOURNER TRUTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION, STYA





# THIRD WORLD ISSUES

SCVS recently had an internal talk on Third World Issues and invited along a guest speaker, Martin Whiteside, a Third World Development worker. Although it might appear to be beyond the realms or obligations of SCVS's duties, it was felt that to continue to ignore this whole issue, to fail to incorporate this into our work-time or to develop some kind of co-ordinated strategy to fight the way Third World Countries are being under-developed by the West, then our Equal Opportunities Policy and our concept of socialism must be seen to be stunted and based only on a superficial premise.

Third World writers have argued for some time now that fundamental racist beliefs used to discriminate against the Black community and Black immigrants in developed countries is inextricably linked with the history of colonialism and with the continuing exploitation of Third World countries. The enormous publicity coverage of the Ethiopian famine, whilst successful in generating public sympathy and financial support, did this at the expense of greater public awareness of the West's part in bringing about these eventual crises. Consciences left untouched, the general assumption still seems to be that poverty in the Third World is caused by ignorance, cultural and social backwardness (hence ever-swelling numbers of Black people in the world!) the climate and natural disasters. To add to this is the growing weight being attached to fanatical leaders and radical left-wing States as the root of all Third World evils. White people in developed countries are seeing themselves ever more as the saviours of the world's Black population. They are using such crises to convince themselves that they are economically, socially and politically more sophisticated and culturally and racially superior. In their hands and that of the Government's lies the power to decide on the fate of millions of dependant Black people.

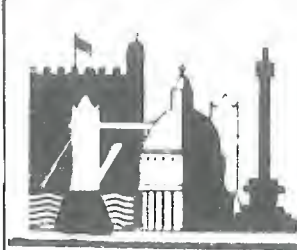
The racism of the indigenous population so prevalent here in this country and the institutional discrimination and prejudice experienced by the Black community cannot, I think, be distinguished from these nationalistic perceptions of superiority. (Certainly, notions that there is a need for immigration controls of Black people stem and are endorsed by the racist belief that Black people are willing to abandon everything, including their personal integrity to enter this country.) Unless we attempt to make a clear link between racism and Third World under-development, then we can only accuse the Government and multi-national companies of economic imperialism (which it has been argued is to the advantage of both Black and White communities in Britain, as has been the argument for stringent immigration controls) and not that their activities in the Third World are also profoundly racist.

Third World development does not mean getting these countries more in line with the West. Its basic aims are those of promoting greater equality, self-reliance and community action which falls in line with the fundamental beliefs behind community services, trade unionism and socialism. Our food, raw materials and minerals come from some of the most

under-developed (which is not synonymous with poorest!) countries in the world at the expense of some of the poorest communities. Whether as individuals, community workers or members of a Trade Union, we should accept some responsibility for raising the general awareness of what Third World development means, our part in its under-development and hence in perpetuating the racism as it prevails in this country, and what we can do.

There are many changes in Government policy and public feeling on the Third World which on the surface may seem encouraging but may be, in effect, causing great damage to attempts to develop Third World communities. One example of this is food aid. Other than for emergencies this type of aid if used formally by Governments, enables them not only to have a great deal of political control over the aided country but also serves to undermine the community's efforts to reduce inequality and increase self-sufficiency. Not only do we need to campaign for less exploitation and more 'real' aid for the Third World, but we also need to ensure that this recognises the wider struggle to combat racism.

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SCVS Fieldworker



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As a result of a meeting earlier this year a Working Group has been set up called the 'Anti-Racist Forum of Voluntary Organisations in London'. This working Group is an open body and would very much welcome further volunteers.

Their first mailing has included a questionnaire, details about the NCVO Ethnic Minority Digest, a paper on Anti-Racist Training and a bibliography of relevant books and articles.

For details of the group and for information contained in their first mailing contact:

Paul Sommerfeld  
LVSC  
68 Chalton Street  
London NW1 1JR (388 0241)



## ANTI- DEPORTATION

The 'Organising Against Deportations' conference held at County Hall on June 9th brought to focus the severe plight of the many victims of deportation and the growing movement in the whole of Britain to challenge the Government's racist and sexist immigration and nationality laws. The conference brought attention not only to the general and individual fight against immigration, but also to the legislation which prevents people from coming into the country and the internal controls which include police raids on home and workplaces. Speakers included Manda Kunda and Shahid Syed both involved in personal defence campaigns and Rajani I of the Tamil Refugee Action Group.

The Southwark Anti-Deportation Campaign held its first meeting on June 11th. It was well attended with representative from a few Advice Centres including the Afro-Asian Advisory Service, Black Community organisations and Council Officers

It was agreed that its first activities should include organising training for advice workers, making the Council more aware of the need for resources, to provide adequate advice and information on anti-deportation in different languages.

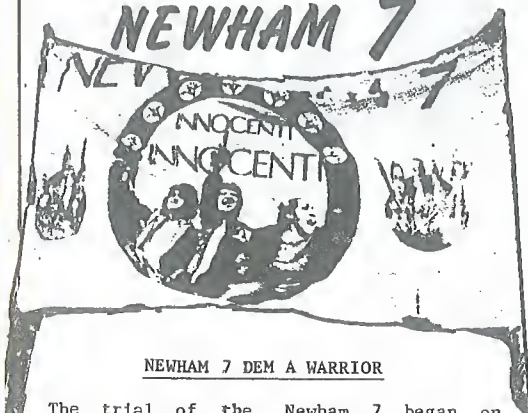
Please come and give your support to the Campaign at the next meeting.

JULY 4th. 6.30 pm  
SCVS, 135 RYE LANE. SE15

A speaker from the Immigration Widows Campaign will be attending and the meeting will be discussing aims and resolutions.



## SUPPORT THE NEWHAM 7



### NEWHAM 7 DEM A WARRIOR

The trial of the Newham 7 began on Tuesday May 21st and from the start it was clear that the racists would do all in its power to win against Black people asserting their right to self-defence.

The defence began by making applications for the three racists who were arrested along with the Newham 7 to be tried separately. This was in order to counter the prosecution attempt to portray the case as one of gang warfare. Unfortunately the Judge refused the application. When the defence argued for a mixed Jury along the racial composition of Newham there were several challenges to prospective black jurors by the barristers acting for the racists; resulting in a somewhat unrepresentative jury.

The Newham 7 Defence Campaign have organised mass pickets at the Old Bailey which continue to the end of the trial. These pickets have been subjected to intimidation and harassment by Police, ranging from racist abuse to actual physical assault on demonstrators. To date 8 people have been arrested on the picket line including a 12 year old child playing with a water pistol.

Racist attacks are on the increase and Newham has along with Tower Hamlets been the scene of the most savage attacks. The police have consistently been seen to ignore complaints or side with the racists. On occasions the police have been the perpetrators of these attacks. The Newham 8 and now 7 cases are the Black community's response to this catalogue of abuse. With no support from a racist police force black people are left with no alternative other than to defend themselves. Support for the Newham 7 is support for the right of a community to defend itself against racists - SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE

To add to the already appalling incidents surrounding the Newham 7 case, Parvais Khan was severely beaten up by prison officers during the lunch break on the first day of the trial. This outrage took place because he refused to eat a pork pie.

It is important for Black organisations to build support for the Newham 7 and other similar struggles. Only by organising mass support against racists can we hope to win the freedom to live without fear of racist attack. Black workers must organise within Trades Unions and the Labour Movement to put pressure firstly on those very same organisation and secondly so that the Labour movement is forced to recognise its own racism and begin to fight for the demands of Black people.

Southwark Campaign to Oppose Racism Now.



## CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

### LBS CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

The Community Affairs Committee voted in support of the Council Officers proposal on Conditions of Grant Aid to Voluntary Organisations at their meeting on 11 June. No amendments were made to the officers draft, although an additional clause was proposed by Councillors agreed requiring voluntary groups to display 'funded by the LBS' signs.

The members of the voluntary sector, depicting who were present at the meeting were very disappointed that no effort was made to meet our concerns, which were very clearly and reasonably stated to the committee. Members of the SCVS Working Groups fear that many groups will have great difficulty in complying with all the conditions.

The Conditions of Grant Aid have to be discussed by the other grant giving committees of the Council and further meetings in the voluntary sector will be called.

Black Community Groups should therefore note that if they are being funded by C.A. Committee or if these proposals are adopted by the Race Equality Commission, Women's or any other funding committee giving grants to Black Community Groups.

You will be required in future to:-

1. Send all minutes of management Committee meeting to your Monitoring officer.
2. Inform your Monitoring officer of the details of every management committee meeting in order that the Monitoring officer can attend if he/she so chooses. Groups will not have the right to deny their Monitoring officer access to these meetings.
3. This means that a Group's autonomy in terms of race and sex may jeopardise in the case where Black Group's may have to accept the presence of a white monitoring officer at their meetings or Women's may have to accept the presence of a male Monitoring officer.
4. If the Monitoring Officer feels it to be justified, she/he can impose additional sets of conditions for one or whole groups of organisations. Therefore, e.g. Black Youth Organisations may have imposed on them a Code of Practice relating to their activities which is not present for other Black organisations or other Community Organisations.

REGISTER your Organisation's feelings about such proposals by writing to the Chair of your funding committee, or any other council committee or Councillor, or come along to the meeting organised by the SCVS WORKING GROUP. Date:- 17 July. Time:- 6.30p.m. Place: SCVS 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

### Baby Sitting Allowance

A BABY-SITTING allowance for members of the public who want to know more about what goes on in the council, now covers all council committee meetings as well as the full Council.

The allowance of £1.50 an hour is part of the council's commitment to equal opportunities. It covers time spent at meetings and up to one hour's travel to and from meetings. Forms to claim the allowance are available at meetings. It's available only to Southwark residents and the baby sitter must be someone other than a spouse, relative or co-habitee.



## JOBS

### INTERVAL PROJECT EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT WORKER BLACK WOMAN

The Interval Project provides medium-term accommodation for young homeless people between 16 - 21 in Southwark. It aims to secure permanent accommodation for residents and to facilitate their involvement in education, training and employment.

We need a third worker to join the Collective shares responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Project housing management, and the work with the young people. This post has special responsibility for coordinating the information and advice work on education training and employment.

Applicants should have experience of working with young people in a multi-cultural setting, knowledge of education and training opportunities for young people, organising skills and a commitment to challenging racism, sexism and heterosexism.

A very high proportion of the project users are Black women and the Project wishes to employ a Black woman worker to meet their welfare and educational needs.

Working week - 35 hours  
Holiday - 27 days plus public holidays  
Salary scale 6 - £10,362 including I.L.W. As one of the existing posts is job-shared, it is not possible to offer job-share conditions for this post.

Details and application form from Interval Project, 163 Rye Lane, SE15.  
Tel:- 635-0707. Closing date - 15 July 1985.

The Interval Project is part of the Rainer Foundation, which is striving to be an Equal Opportunities employer.

Section 5(2) of the Race Relations Act applies to this post.

Section 7(2) (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act applies to this post.

The Interval office is up four flights of stairs.





# SCVS

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

## JULY 1985

135 Rye Lane, London SE15

# NEWSLETTER INSERT

Telephone: 01-732 3731

## URBAN AID

We have just heard that despite the efforts of the NCVO Steering Committee, and of course letters from many Southwark voluntary organisations (as well as from many other parts of the country) to Ministers at the D.o.E and MPs, particularly about the cut in money for holiday projects, the total allocation for Urban Aid is likely this year to be reduced by £20 million. Many Authorities including some outer London Boroughs will get nothing. This narrowing of eligibility has been "sold" to the voluntary sector nationally as a policy of concentration; i.e. putting the money into the most deprived areas of the country. Sir George Young, when speaking to a delegation of voluntary organisations spear-headed by NCVO but not attended by anyone from Southwark, stated;

"We've begun to concentrate the Urban Programme on the areas of worst deprivation - Partnership & Programme Authorities and some T.U.P. ones, like Southwark and Lewisham. This means less money for T.U.P."

This so called policy of concentration has masked quite severe cuts in the Programme and what looks like a winding down process. Southwark suffered a 50% cut in Urban Aid this year compared to last year (see previous newsletters). We presumed that Southwark was not one of the deprived areas the D.o.E had in mind We were therefore very surprised by Sir George Young's statement. The D.o.E has now said to the Borough that Southwark will only be able to apply for 5 projects, and that the money for T.U.P for London will only be halved compared to last year from £2 to £1 million. There will undoubtedly now be even less money for Southwark in the coming year than there was this year. This is very depressing news indeed.

### PROGRAMME STATUS APPLICATION

Ironically Southwark Borough did put a lot of work into putting together an application for Programme Status. In previous newsletters we have outlined the differences in getting Programme money out of the Urban Programme as opposed to ordinary Urban Aid. The Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Tower Hamlets and Wandsworth receive between £4 and £5 million each through the Urban Programme whereas this year the total for Southwark was £200,000. This is for Boroughs of broadly equivalent levels of deprivation

as our own, but which applied earlier in the phase of the Programme. The D.o.E have now told Southwark that there is no possibility that the Borough will get Programme Status. So despite having equivalent levels of deprivation as Programme Areas, Southwark has been refused that money and at the same time will have Urban Aid reduced yet again.

We can only suggest as we have done so on many other previous occasions that your organisation writes to the MP in your area about the disparity between what is being said by Ministers and what is happening, and protest at what is actually a phasing out of Urban Aid altogether.

## RICHMOND SCHEME

The Government Scheme to abolish the GLC includes a proposal for a London Borough Grants Scheme. This will be administered from the London Borough of Richmond who would deal with grants to London wide organisations. A small team of consultants have been trying to estimate how much money would be needed, and have sent out a questionnaire. If your organisation "provides a service which deals with a London-wide problem or contributes to a London-wide pattern of provision" then the team would like to know about your organisation's financial needs. London Boroughs Grants Unit, c/o Finance Department, London Borough of Richmond, Municipal Offices, Twickenham TW1 JAA.

SCVS has also received a copy of a consultative paper about the details of the way the scheme would work in case any group wishes to consider it.

There has been confusion in the past as to whether the Richmond Scheme will include groups which cover more than one borough; but are not London-wide. The most recent position, as we understand it, is that it does not, the theory being that if groups cover just two or three boroughs it will not be too difficult for groups to negotiate themselves with each authority.

We have not heard any details yet of how the limited financial help the Government is to give to local groups to replace GLC money is to be administered other than that it will be like 'Urban Aid'. We understand that this description applies to the administrative arrangements and not just to a Government decision that there will be less of it each year.

## LOCAL NEWS

### VICTORY FOR GROUPS IN NORTH SOUTHWARK

Congratulations to people in North Southwark!

The Post Office have had to reprieve the closure of the Borough High Street Post Office for 12 months due to an active campaign fought by the local community.

There are still meetings arranged to consider further action.

Contact: North Southwark Community Development Group  
56 Southwark Bridge Road  
SE1 (928 0711)

### ONE-OFF GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Southwark's Community Affairs Committee has about £11,000 available to give out to community groups in Southwark in the form of one-off small grants. Normally no single grant will exceed £1,000.

If you think you would like to make an application, please contact the Community Development Officers, Mike Cantor or Sue Bagwell (703 6311 Ext. 2260/2163). Application forms for the grants can be obtained from Debbie Reeves (703 6311 Ext. 2084).

The closing date for the return of application forms is Wednesday, July 31st

### CANCERLINK

New self help group in the Forest Hill area:

Stanley Hurst Lodge  
2 Stanstead Road  
Forest Hill SE23  
(off Rojack Rd. opp. Forest Hill Hotel)

Meetings every fourth Thursday in the month at 7.45.

Next meeting 25th July

Counselling available after July.

### NEWS ON COUNCIL GRANTS

Southwark Council Grant Giving. The Community Affairs Committee were informed at their meeting on 11th June that there are no resources in Service Committee budgets to meet the cost of grant-aiding new voluntary sector projects with recurring revenue expenditure in 1985/6. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend Policy Committee to make an extra allocation available for Council-wide growth for revenue grants, against which individual committees would be expected to make bids.



# EVENTS

## TELETHON '85

From 7.30 pm on October 29th to 7.30 pm on October 30th, Thames Television will be holding its second Telethon.

This is a live entertainment television marathon which raises money for charity by inviting the public to telephone their pledges directly to the programme.

It is not just a television programme however, Telethon is a project involving the whole community. So throughout the summer they are hoping that many local groups will bring the Telethon alive by organising fundraising in their area. Many of the most imaginative and successful will appear on the Telethon Programme itself - the more unusual, the better the chance!

The money raised through these events will be added to the pledges and distributed through the Thames Help! Trust to children and young people in, or from the Thames Transmission area. The Trust has agreed five priority areas to which funds will be allocated:-

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

SELF HELP & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

RECREATION & LEISURE

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PARTICULAR NEEDS

If you feel your organisation might be interested in helping to raise money for the Telethon, please write to the following address for further information:-

Penny French  
Community Events Co-ordinator  
Thames Telethon P.O.Box 2LE  
London W1A 2LE

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

If you think your organisation might qualify, within the priorities laid down by the Thames Help! Trust, for a Telethon Grant, please write for an application form to:- Mr Jo Simpson

Secretary, Thames Help! Trust  
306 Euston Road  
London NW1 3BB

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP

NCVO are running a one day workshop on Race Equality in Voluntary Organisations for small & medium organisations who have already adopted an E.O. policy or are about to do so, and who are asking questions about: Service Provision; Recruitment Policies and the role of Black workers; Objectives setting & evaluation; the role of the management committee & its relationship with staff.

Dates: Monday 15th July  
Tuesday 12th November

Cost: £15 plus £2.25 VAT per person.

Apply to: Annette Webster, MDU, (636-4066).  
26 Bedford Square, WC1 3HU

# PUBLICATIONS



## SURREY DOCKS CHILDCARE PROJECT

The Project was initiated by the Southwark Child Care Campaign and ran from 1979 to 1985. During those years people employed by the Project worked with women to campaign for better childcare facilities - all at a time of great political change in this area of Docklands.

The Project, before it closed down, supported attempts to get money for a Childcare Information/Advice Worker for Southwark, and a Childcare Development Worker for Docklands, both of whom are now in post.

Although the Project has now finished, a 40 page booklet called 'Fighting for Childcare' records in the words of local parents the story of what happened and their experiences. It covers a campaign for an adventure playground, a fight for a nursery centre, managing a family centre, running a playgroup as well as the joys of parenthood.

It would be of interest to groups and individuals involved in campaigning for improvements in childcare. It was produced with the help of a grant from the GLC Women's Committee and is available free from:

Southwark Child Care Campaign  
Information & Advice Worker  
2 - 6 Peckham High Street  
London SE15 (701 7535)



## SCVS PUBLICATION REPRINTED

Owing to popular demand, our publication

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Some Steps Towards Race  
Equality in Employment

has been reprinted and is available from SCVS, 135 Rye Lane. It is free to groups in Southwark and costs 75 pence including post & packing to groups and individuals outside the Borough.

## PUBLICATION

PASSPORT TO BENEFITS? Racism in Social Security. (£2.95 inc P&P)

A new Poverty Pamphlet (67) published by the Child Poverty Action Group & The Runnymede Trust. Available from: CPAG, 1, Macklin Street, London WC2B 5N4

## ARTS AND DISABLED PEOPLE

The report of a Committee of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Sir Richard Attenborough.

Published by Bedford Square Press. £4.95  
Discount of 25% available if you order through SCVS. (£3.72)

# JOBS

## SOUTHWARK OVER 60's EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The Bureau has been set up to bring together active pensioners who want to work with employees who have the right job to offer.

We have found work, generally on a part-time basis, for pensioners as: clerks; cooks; canteen helpers; messengers; porters; drivers; painters; peckers; plumbers - and many other jobs requiring a wide variety of skills & experience.

If you are interested contact:

Ronald Veltman  
186 Crampton Street  
London SE17

between 10.00 am - 1.00 pm any Monday to Thursday. Or you can fix an appointment by telephone on 703-5066.

## BUS WORKER WANTED

Southwark Womens Action Group has a double decker bus converted to a mobile womens centre. We need a third worker to join the team as a 17½ hour per week job-sharer. Applicants must be over 21 and have a years driving experience.

GLC funded; secure until March '86.

Contact: Womens Centre  
6 Peckham High Street  
London SE15 (701-2564)

for a job description and application form. Closing date: 19th July '85.

## GOOD PRACTICES IN MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

Worker required to compile a local good practices directory, for professional & community use. This will mean initiating contacts with mental health workers; extracting, collating & evaluating information assisted by a steering group.

Based at CHC offices, Catford. P/T for one year. Salary: £5,000 p.a.

For application forms & further details contact: The Secretary  
Lewisham & North Southwark  
Community Health Council  
13 Catford Broadway  
London SE6 (690-8777)

## CONSORTIUM

an established federation of non-statutory agencies in S.E. London working with single homeless people, those with alcohol or drug related problems and ex-offenders, has 2 vacancies :

### RESOURCES WORKER

- to campaign for a strategic approach to voluntary sector funding.
- to counter increasing threats to the financial security of Consortium member agencies.
- to advise individual member agencies on grant aid options.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person with drive and diplomatic ability. Negotiating experience and knowledge of statutory funding will be an advantage.

The worker will also take responsibility for an additional area of Consortium's work according to interest and experience.

### FIELDWORKER (homelessness)

- to promote our policies on single homelessness
- to coordinate local voluntary sector services for single homeless people with those of the 3 boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark.
- to promote new policies where needed.

We are looking for someone with the ability to motivate others, who can stimulate continuing discussion among Consortium member agencies and in the boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark with the aim of bringing into existence a coordinated network of provision in the area for single homeless people.

Campaigning experience is especially relevant ; knowledge/experience of one or more of the following is desirable : single homelessness, statutory structures, voluntary sector.

Formal qualifications not necessary. All 8 members of the collective are expected to do their own administration and contribute to the general well-being of the office. Experience of working collectively would be an advantage.

Consortium is an equal opportunity employer. Section 38.1(b) of the Race Relations Act 1976 applies. Consortium encourages and welcomes applications from black people but all applications will be considered.

Salary S01 (£10,725 p.a. incl. L.W.).

Details and application form from Consortium, 150 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EE. (01-701 2002). Closing date : 15th July 1985



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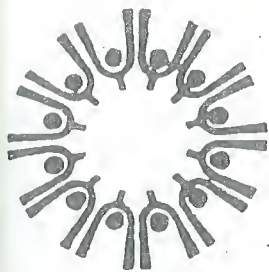
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# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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**AUGUST 1985**

## NEWSLETTER

### URBAN AID

So far no circular has appeared at all not even a draft. The OOE however have advised the Council to go ahead and advertise for applications with closing date etc.

The closing date is 16th September and application forms can be obtained from Ruth Geall at the Town Hall and from SCVS.

In view of the cuts in the Urban Programme it is unlikely that as many groups as in previous years will get funding. Also there is a problem in that there are a lot of Time Expired projects. On the other hand if organisations do not even apply for money they cannot possibly get it and failure to apply will also "prove" the case that no-one needs it.

SCVS will be holding sessions as usual where our fieldworkers will be available to help groups complete application forms. These sessions will be:

|          |             |             |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Thursday | 15th August | 2.00-7.00pm |
| Tuesday  | 3rd Sept    | 2.00-7.00pm |
| Thursday | 12th Sept   | 2.00-7.00pm |

It is not necessary to tell us if you are coming on these occasions. If you cannot come at these times please 'phone and make an appointment:  
Tel.No. 732 3731

Southwark Council has also arranged Urban Aid surgeries at Peckham Town Hall on the following dates:

|           |           |             |         |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Wednesday | 4th Sept  | 2.00-5.30pm | Room A3 |
| Monday    | 9th Sept  | 2.00-7.00pm | Room A3 |
| Wednesday | 11th Sept | 2.00-7.00pm | Room O  |

Town Hall staff will be there to help with applications.

#### URBAN AID GRANTS 1986/7 IN SOUTHWARK

Southwark Council invites local organisations and groups to submit projects for consideration under the Government's Urban Programme. Funded projects begin after April 1986 for the financial year 1986/7 and the following four years. Projects should be Southwark based and benefit people or areas of the Borough with particular social needs. (Projects which operate within the London Docklands Development Corporation area are not eligible to apply.)

The range of projects which are eligible include: cultural, educational, environmental, social and recreational schemes.

Application Forms are available from Ruth Geall, Room 404, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB or telephone 703 6311 Ext. 2251.

The Closing date for the return of completed application forms is Monday, 16th September, 1985.

### WOMEN'S CHARTER GROUP

This is what the Women and Race-Capping Group are now calling themselves. The group has now put together a charter which states that women need more: refugees and secure housing  
black women's projects  
women's centres  
child care of a wide variety  
health projects  
support in caring for the elderly  
disabled  
education, training & employment projects  
arts and recreation activities  
advice and counselling services

All groups with a concern in this area have been written to and asked to endorse this charter. It will then be made into a leaflet and will include a list of the supporting organisations as part of a general appeal that services which support women's initiatives should not be cut. One of the many points being made is that they are essential for women and not a luxury item.

Any organisation that has not been written to and would like to support the charter or would like more information should 'phone 701 2564 and speak to Caroline or 701 7535 and speak to Sue. Both are based at Southwark Women's Centre.

### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

People who read the last SCVS Newsletter will know that the Community Affairs Committee disregarded the points made by the voluntary sector delegation and passed the Conditions of Grant Aid without any of the amendments which the voluntary sector had asked for. Since then there has been a meeting for voluntary organisations at SCVS. It was clear that many groups feel unable to implement all the conditions, either because they constitutionally cannot do so or because it would weaken the autonomy of self-help groups and of the voluntary sector in general, and in our ability to be responsible to our communities.

The Council do not understand this. It was clear that the Councillors' paternalism leads them to believe that the

well-being of the independent voluntary sector is best safe-guarded by the increase in their officers' power. The voluntary sector has always recognised the need for some conditions. The problem is about some of these particular conditions.

The voluntary sector meeting on 17th July, to consider the response to the Community Affairs Committee's decision, asked SCVS to do a number of things. Notes from this meeting will be circulated to all the organisations we know which receive Council grants (i.e. the same organisations which received a letter from SCVS dated 20th June on this subject). If other voluntary organisations would like copies of the decisions of this meeting they should contact SCVS

Voluntary organisations presently funded by the Community Affairs Committee made it clear that they will also be objecting to their Ward Councillors and the Leader of the Council as well as replying formally to the Officer who formally notified them of the Conditions of Grant Aid.

Projects not funded by Community Affairs must consider urgently how the proposed Conditions will affect them. We think they will be going to all other committees in September and objections should be made to the Chair, Committee members and the Leader of the Council before then.

SCVS has been asked to arrange meetings for organisations funded by the Race Committee and by the Women's Committee as independence is particularly valued by these groups.



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

At the last minute at the Community Affairs Committee on June 11th, without there being any precious discussion, and after the voluntary sector's representatives opportunity to say anything had passed, Councillor Jessica Wanamaker introduced a new clause into it's Conditions of Grant Aid. This was accepted unanimously by the Committee. One element is that it requires that the voluntary sector should "make reference to its support for equal opportunities policies within job advertisements along the lines adopted by the Council".

It was something of a surprise to find that Councillors feel so satisfied with the progress on equal opportunities practices made by the Council. It certainly indicates the distance in their understanding from large sections of the community and the dangers some organisations feel because of tighter Council control.

For voluntary organisations who would like to consider following Southwark's equal opportunities practices we include a copy of a recent advertisement printed in the Guardian on 10th July.

### LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

#### LEISURE AND RECREATION

### SECRETARY TO DIRECTOR

£7,803-£8,577 (Scale 4)

#### I NEED TO BE LOOKED AFTER !

Could you arrange my diary, get me to meetings on time with the right papers, look after my correspondence and deal helpfully and tactfully with staff, Councillors, outside organisations and top management of other departments.

You will need to be a good organiser, able to cope under pressure with excellent shorthand, audio and typing speeds. Some evening work will also be required.

In return I can offer an interesting and varied job where you will be involved in all aspects of the leisure and recreation field.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex and ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/7/5608 and job title.

Last date for receipt of completed Application Forms: July 30, 1985.

If you feel that your organisation would have difficulty producing anything like this there is no problem because it is one of the new Conditions of Grant Aid that the job descriptions should be prepared in conjunction with the monitoring officer, and that grant aided organisations are encouraged to involve monitoring officers at all stages of the appointment. One could expand at great length about why many voluntary organisations fear that implementation of the Council's Conditions of Grant Aid would be a setback to their own equal opportunities practices (eg. the only attempt that we know of by a Council officer to stop an appointment was by a white male officer seeking to veto the appointment of a black woman. Also the Conditions outlaw the appointment of people involved in the management of a project in the last two months, which is the route by which some organisations are now developing employment opportunities for local people).

The voluntary sector working party felt that the development of equal opportunities practices needed careful thought. It suggested that SCVS create a separate working party, open to all voluntary organisations, which would look at all aspects of Equal Opportunities. SCVS will therefore do this.

\*\*\* The Staff and Management of SCVS would like to congratulate Hyacinth Parsons on her new appointment as Senior Community Relations Officer at SECR.

We wish her the best of luck in her future undertakings. \*\*\*\*\*

## COURSES

### COMMUNITY COMPUTING CONFERENCE '85

September 13th & 14th 1985  
Sheffield

This is the first national conference for people who provide computer equipment or advice for community use.

The cost of the conference is £30.00 and there are reduced prices for unwaged individuals or unfunded organisations. Rail travel can be provided at 50% discount (details on application)

To find out more ring the National Contact, Pete Rowan (0900 836409) or contact RTI, 18-20 Dean St, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 616581)

### WRITERS WORKSHOPS

The Campaign for Equal Opportunity in the Arts (C.E.O.A.) is running a series of Writers Workshops for new and established playwrights of Afro/Asian origin and of works relevant to the Afro/Asian community.

Workshops will commence on 30th July and then every Wednesday for 8 weeks. For more information and an application form telephone 379 6509 or write to: C.E.O.A., The Africa Centre, 38 King St, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8JS

### GLC GRANTS

In 1984 the Secretary of State for the Environment was given rights by Parliament to approve/dissapprove grants made by the GLC under its Section 137 powers. The Secretary of State promised Parliament that he would not use these powers to make choices about which groups got grants, but only to prevent 'the abuse of Section 137' and 'alienation of assets which should be available to successor authorities'. (Labour M.P's shouted questions about why he was taking the powers.

The Secretary of State has now discriminated against 3 organisations.

Firstly regarding the grant to the Lesbian and Gay Centre and more recently, after 4 months sitting on the renewal requests (from April '85), he has refused the GLC permission to continue funding to the Spare Rib Collective and to the Women's Peace Bus. He has remained deaf to widespread appeals by the voluntary sector on behalf of the Lesbian and Gay Centre's grant.

### 'POLITICAL ADVERTISING'

In view of the Government's concern about 'political' advertising by the GLC it may be of interest to note that a Parliamentary Question showed that the Government itself had spent £2.9 million on 11 politically controversial publicity and advertising campaigns since 1979. This included publicity on the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, Bus Policy, Defence Policy, Abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan Councils, Rate-Capping and Pay Offers during the 1982 NHS Pay Dispute.

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### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS

September 7th - 16th is NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION WEEK. A week of action has been planned by the NCSSC, to include strikes by DHSS & other workers, & picketing of DHSS offices on September 13th and a national demonstration in London on September 14th.

# LOCAL NEWS

## 'CLAIM YOUR VOTE' CAMPAIGN

Southwark Council wish to recruit about 60 people for a 3 week period in October. The job will involve visiting households who have not returned their electoral registration forms, and persuading them to fill in the form. A basic fee of £150 will be paid.

Application forms for these interviewing appointments can be obtained from Paul Oimoldenberg, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5. All forms must be sent back to him as soon as possible and not later than 1st September.

## BRITISH RED CROSS

A GARDEN FETE is being held by the Red Cross on 14th September at 2.00pm. at their premises: 160 Peckham Rye SE15

Their SHOP is open every Thursday between 2-4.00pm for the sale of good used clothing for all the family, bedding bric-a-brac etc. The Red Cross are willing to collect donations of these items for the shop.

## SOUTH EAST LONDON BRANCH. WOMEN'S CANCER CONTROL

This group needs a voluntary secretary to take minutes/typing/notifying members of meetings. The right person should have an interest in the Branch, enthusiasm for the aims of the campaign and ability to communicate with people.

Contact: Southwark Volunteer Workers Bureau for more details (732 5729)

## FLAT VACANCY

Housing Co-op near the Elephant & Castle has a vacant flat for a single parent and one child. Applications invited from people working or living in Southwark with a commitment to actively participating in a co-op. Black people and members of ethnic minorities particularly welcome to apply. Please send s.a.e to The Secretary, Balfour Street Housing Project c/o 79 Balfour Street London SE17 1PL for an application form to be returned by 7th August

If you have any queries you can ring 701 7637

## GUMBOOTS - a new day nursery

Funded by the GLC Womens Committee this nursery opens on September 2nd in East Dulwich. It requires the following additional staff:

Deputy Officer (AP5 pt 28); 4 NNEB nursery officers (AP4 pt 24)-30 hrs.; 4 unqualified nursery officers (AP3 pt 19)-30 hrs.; Admin. Asst. (AP3 pt 15)-15 hrs.; Cook (AP2 pt 15)-20 hrs.; Cleaner (AP2 pt.15)-20 hrs.

For details 'phone 659 4367 (Betty) or 693 2359 (Margaret) or 291 1037 (Karen) Closing date: 16th August 1985.

GUMBOOTS is an equal opportunities employer Job-sharing is a possibility.

## FOR SALE

### AMBULANCE FOR SALE

The British Red Cross has a Bedford Ambulance for sale. 'N' registration, Mileage: 13,000. Needs attention. £75 or near offer. For more details please telephone Tricia West 693 4512

### CHAIRS FOR SALE

The Trinity Centre has approximately 80 stacking chairs to sell for £1.00 each, or less if you take the whole lot! Contact: Oavid Rayner (703 2895)

## GRANTS

### EEC SOCIAL FUND

SCVS has gathered together some information about the EEC Social Fund which is available for revenue costs involved in financing a vocational training scheme for under-25's. women, migrant workers and disabled people. Although there is something like £3 million each year allocated to the U.K. there are many conditions and bureaucratic hurdles to overcome.

Unless you already have a detailed scheme/project already drawn up, you may be too late to apply for a grant for 1986 as the closing date is 16th August 1985. If you want to know more about the Fund in order to apply this year or in future years please contact Ai Meun or Barbara at SCVS.

### SOUTHWARK GRANTS

During the recent rate-capping crisis the Council were only able to pay grants monthly. July's grant will still come as a one month payment, August and September will be paid together and thereafter the voluntary sector will be back on the normal three-monthly system.

### INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT FUND

The IT Fund was set up in 1978 by the DHSS, although it is independently administered by the Rainer Foundation through a special Fund Committee.

Its Aims and Objects are to assist in meeting the needs of young people (aged between 10 and 17) who are in trouble with the law or seriously at risk of becoming so.

The IT Fund supports:  
individual volunteers  
informal voluntary groups and associates  
registered charities

The Fund encourages and helps such groups to take an active part in IT provision by:

providing new IT resources  
improving the quality of existing IT activities  
initiating innovative IT programmes

It also aims to attract more support for and use of these resources by statutory services, and to encourage greater numbers of volunteers from the public to participate in the provision of IT.

The Fund provides Capital Grants and Revenue Grants. The latter are intended for new projects to assist with first year running costs, including salaries, up to up to a £10,000 limit.

Applications have to include a letter of support from their local statutory service (Social Services or Probation Services) indicating the degree of local authority involvement.

All applications for grants must be made on the IT Fund's application form.

Applications which satisfy the Fund's criteria are placed before the Fund Committee which meets quarterly in April, July, October and January of each year. IT Fund staff are available to visit or correspond with groups considering an application.

For further information please contact:

Intermediate Treatment Fund  
33 King Street  
LONDON WC2E 8JQ  
Tel No: 01 379 6171

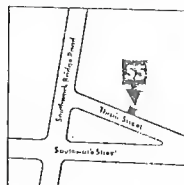
## HOMES AND JOBS FOR SOUTHWARK

Come and see an exhibition of the GLC and Southwark Council's plans for the Courage site.

23 JULY-14 AUGUST 1985  
AT 55 THRALE STREET, SE1  
(Between Southwark Bridge Road and Southwark Street)

### OPEN

10am-4pm  
Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays & Fridays  
10am-7pm Thursdays  
10am-1pm Saturdays



ACCESS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES  
Restricted on-site parking  
Two wheelchair spaces available  
Minimum door width 30 inches. Exhibition on one level.  
Access to toilet facilities for those with disabilities.

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### EXHIBITION

Indian Dance Arts & Crafts

OPEN: 10am-6pm

23 JULY 1985

AT MORLEY GALLERY

FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY!



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## FOLK BAND FOR HIRE

If you want to arrange some live music for your particular group, then NATIONAL INTEREST might be for you. They are a 4-person band performing lively songs of everyday life and shaping their repertoire for each audience. They have played at community centres, hospitals, day centres, luncheon clubs, senior citizen events, festivals, socials, benefits etc. They usually perform without amplification but will use microphones wherever necessary if they are provided.

They are able to keep their fees modest, thanks to a subsidy from the GLC

For further details contact:

Martin Goldschmidt

76 Lulworth House

Dorset Road

London SW8 (582 5088)



...and we all sing!

## Artsline

The telephone advice service on the arts and entertainment in Greater London for people with disabilities

Artsline is a free, confidential service. No catch, just plenty of good ideas.

If it's rock or theatre you want, we can tell you where to go. If you're turned on by poetry or painting, we'll tell you where to turn to.

If you're after a good film or a drama club, we'll tell you where to look.

Or, if you need help getting on with your own arts activity, we'll advise you on who to approach.

ARTSLINE - the entertainment you want, the advice you need.

01-388 2227

## PROSECUTION POSSIBLE FOR "FLYPOSTED" GROUPS

Campaigning groups whose publicity posters are unlawfully flyposted without their knowledge can face prosecution if they fail to remove them, the high court has ruled.

Groups are liable to conviction even if they are initially unaware that flyposting has taken place and have no idea who was responsible.

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann allowed an appeal by Derby City Council against a magistrates' court decision in October dismissing a prosecution of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection over the unlawful display of posters.

The council brought the prosecution because no consent had been obtained to put up the BUAV posters.

The BUAV said it did not agree with flyposting and had not authorised any. The magistrates accepted the defence and dismissed the case.

The council appealed on the ground that it had written to the groups head office in London pointing out what had occurred and ordering removal.

The BUAV's failure to remove the posters, once it had been told about them, made it liable to conviction because the offence of flyposting was a continuing one in law, it was argued. The judges agreed.

Mr Justice Mann directed the magistrates to reconsider the case in the light of the judgement. The BUAV was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

(Local Government Chronicle 19.7.95)

## WHOSE TOWN IS IT ANYWAY?

Channel 4 series on community initiative & developing the community for the people.

SCVS has copies of the first 3 of these films:

1. Easterhouses - about what it is like to live there, housing, local economy (or lack of it) and what people there are doing about it.
2. Sheffield - the future of local government in the light of rate-capping.
3. Buteswell in Coventry and the Docklands peoples plan. Alternatives to factory closure & the proposed development of docklands.

These have proved to be good training films. The rest can be seen during the rest of July and August:

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TOWN HALL SERVICES - WHICH WAY (22.7)  
HOUSING - TENANTS PUSH CHANGE (29.7)  
BLACK POLITICS IN BRENT (5.8)  
RESOURCES & COMMUNITY ACTION (12.8)  
CITIES & PEOPLE - WHAT FUTURE (19.8)

# PUBLICATIONS

## BRITISH IMMIGRATION CONTROL

a brief guide

by Paul Gordon and Francesca Klug  
Published by the Runnymede Trust

This publication is available from SCVS and costs £1.00 excluding p+p



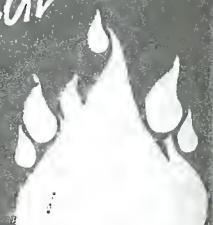
## TURNING ON THE HEAT

A Resource Pack about Energy Issues and Heating Problems for Community Groups

Free copies are available from Peta Sissons, Popular Planning Unit, The Showroom, South Block, County Hall SE1

Turning On the Heat

A RESOURCE PACK about ENERGY ISSUES and HEATING PROBLEMS for COMMUNITY GROUPS

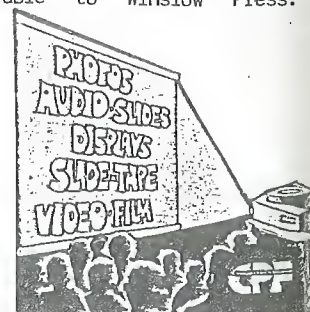


## AUDIO VISUAL GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

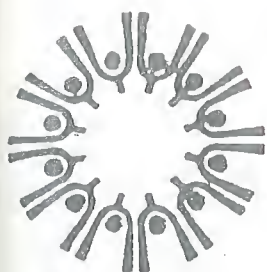
This handbook looks at the merits and nature of each medium from the point of view of a voluntary group or small organisation with limited means and no professional knowledge. It is an aid to planning the use of various mediums.

Published by the Community Projects Foundation. Price: £2.50 plus 75p p+p.

Order from CPF Books, Winslow Press, 23 Horn St, Winslow, Buckingham MK18 3AP  
Cheques payable to Winslow Press.







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## SEPTEMBER 1985

## NEWSLETTER

### SOCIAL SERVICES

You will have heard of the Social Security Review (closing date for comments is below), cuts in Urban Aid, Rate Capping, the cuts in the National Health Service. The next step backwards from the welfare state is expected to be a "Social Services Review". It has been feared for a long time that this is to be published in September, and that it will include proposals that Social Service Departments should become enablers rather than providers of services, that the actual care will be left more to volunteers and family members and that some services such as residential homes will be privatised. Some national voluntary organisations, very concerned for their client groups, have been lobbying against the proposals in an effort to change them even before they are published. This behind the scenes action might succeed in softening proposals, or even preventing the issuing of the Green Paper. None the less the above ideas are very much in the air at the moment.

Sheila Stace has agreed to come to the SCVS AGM to talk about the proposals. She is employed as Co-ordinator of the Voluntary Organisations Personal Social Services Group (VOPSS) and is doing research on the anticipated Green Paper. VOPSS is a fairly new grouping of national voluntary bodies. It is concerned with the impact of government and national economic policies on social services and on the people who use them. Sheila Stace's talk after SCVS's AGM should bring voluntary groups in Southwark up to date with the latest position.

### GREEN PAPER PROPOSALS ON SOCIAL SECURITY

The Government has invited comments on the Green Paper - Social Security Review. The closing date for comments is September 16th. Reactions to this review should be sent to: Central Review Unit, Room 0406, ALEXander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, SE1 6BY.

It is worth making a comment, however brief.

### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

This problem is still with us. The item came up at a Housing Committee meeting, but it had been spotted on the agenda the day before, and so organisations funded by the Housing Committee made representations and as a result the Community Affairs proposals were noted, not endorsed.

The Community Affairs proposals are expected to go to other Council committees during September. Groups funded by the Race Equality Committee and Women's Committee will be making strong representations about a number of points, especially the importance of the autonomy of self help groups. Organisations funded by the Community Affairs Committee (which has already passed the new conditions) are continuing to make it clear where they are unable or unwilling to apply. For further information contact SCVS.



### GRANTS

#### BOROUGH INITIATIVES FUNDS

Southwark Council in association Greater London Arts are offering grants for the following:

- a) Community Projects Fund: 5 X £1000 grants to local arts groups for development projects. Applications are invited from any Southwark based group currently involved in arts activities.
- b) Artists Community Grants: 15 X £360 grants for local artists interested in developing arts projects with local community groups. All artists presently living or working in Southwark are eligible, from any artistic discipline. Artists will be required to work a minimum of 40 hours on a project.

Application forms are available from Vaughan Aston, Arts Officer at the Town Hall on 703 6311 x 2330. The closing date is Friday, September 20th.

### EVENTS

#### THE ENVIRONMENT: INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE

An exhibition showing the scope & opportunities for young people in the environment is on show at the London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, WC2H 9HJ until 14th September, 10.00 - 6.00 pm every day except Sunday.

The exhibition is hosted by the Council for Environmental Education & the London Ecology Centre & involves over 20 organisations. The central exhibit is a travelling display titled "Environment: Involving Young People" which is designed for youth organisations & the youth service and will be available from the above address.

For further details contact: Bridget Cass or Ewan McLeish (340 4936).

#### WOMEN AS CARERS - CONFERENCE

A major conference on women as carers is being organised by the GLC Women's Committee for Sunday, September 22nd. Surrogate care will be provided in carers homes and in County Hall so that carers can attend the conference. Dial-a-ride schemes will be also be available for dependants who wish to attend, and interpreters, plus a creche will be provided to enable all carers to participate in full.

Stalls and exhibitions giving information about carers' organisations, community facilities, transport and benefits will be set up.

Valerie Wise, Chair of the GLC Women's Committee stated that there could be as many as half a million carers in London, most of them women and also said "In our experience, and those caring organisations with which we have established links, carers are isolated. They don't know where to look for help, or what help is available. We will be putting carers in touch with each other, and with carers' organisations as well as giving them the opportunity to share their experiences, describe their difficulties and speak directly to the policy makers we will be inviting along."

Registration forms and further details can be obtained from the GLC Women's Committee (633 6890).

This is a shorter newsletter this month so please read all the inserts carefully as they contain important information



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## ☆☆☆☆☆ NOTICE OF AGM

SCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 2nd  
6.30 pm

at Sojourner Truth Youth Association  
St Lukes School, 161 Summer Rd, SE15

## EVENTS ☆☆☆☆☆

LEWISHAM & NORTH SOUTHWARK  
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL/DISTRICT  
HEALTH AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING.

This public meeting is to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday, September 16th at the Riverdale Hall, Lewisham Shopping Centre

The meeting is your chance to raise issues with the members and officers of your Health Authority and to press the Community Health Council to take up issues on behalf of the community.

### WHOSE NEIGHBOURS? - ONE DAY EVENT

In future we are all likely to have near neighbours who are handicapped because the so-called priority groups - the elderly, the mentally ill & the mentally handicapped will no longer be shut away in large outdated institutions. They will be cared for in much smaller community-based units most of them in ordinary houses or flats.

This major change of policy will have a very significant impact on the handicapped, their families, the statutory & voluntary organisations offering a service to these groups but not least on the community at large. Will the handicapped be ignored and isolated or will they become a valued part of the local community?

The CHC, the NHS watchdog organisation, believes that it is vital that everyone knows of these important developments and of the services that will be available to those needing 'Care in the Community'. They have arranged a special one day event in the Riverdale Hall, Lewisham Shopping Centre on Friday September 20th from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm.

Throughout the day a wide range of voluntary & statutory bodies will be providing information on the services that they can offer & will have representatives on hand to answer questions from the public and give details and advice. Video films featuring the various aspects of their work will be shown and manufacturers of special equipment for the elderly & physically handicapped will be displaying their products.

Everyone should come along to learn more about their future neighbours, their needs and what will be provided for them. There will be no charge for admission.

### SOUTHWARK FOR ETHIOPIA

A fundraising event to raise funds for the starving in Ethiopia will be held on the evening of Saturday September 7th at the North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road.

Personalities in sports, entertainer and the media will be present, and music and entertainments will be provided. There will be a licenced bar and Afro/Caribbean and Asian food. Admission: £5 at the door.

The event is being organised by Southwark for Ethiopia in conjunction with the Race Unit of Southwark Council and other Southwark community organisations. Anyone willing to volunteer their services or make some donation should contact: Colin Hunt (274 4944) or the Race Equality Unit (703 6311x2384)

### DOCKLANDS ARMADA

Thamesday celebrations on the South Bank near County Hall on September 7th will this year include an Armada from Docklands Groups. Those attending the event should look out & support this initiative by Southwark, Tower Hamlets and other local groups. The Armada will arrive at Festival Pier at 1.20 pm and will give a 40 minute display. There will also be exhibitions about community groups and planning opposite Festival Pier on the riverside.

## COURSES ☆☆☆☆☆

LEWISHAM & NORTH SOUTHWARK HEALTH  
EDUCATION SERVICE - COMMUNICATIONS  
SKILLS COURSES

### Presentation Skills:

South Lewisham Health Centre,  
50 Conisborough Crescent, Catford SE6.

Four half day sessions on 21st & 28th Sept., 5th & 12th Oct. from 2.00 - 4.30 pm.

The aims of this course are to provide participants with a basic introduction to teaching & presentation skills, to increase confidence, to identify some of the key factors influencing learning and to cover a variety of teaching styles & methods.

### Groupwork Skills:

Surrey Docks Health Centre, Salter Rd. SE. 16.

The next two courses will be 11/12th Oct. & 6/7th Dec. from 10.00 - 4.00 pm.

The course aims to increase participants confidence & skills in working with & being part of groups. Participants will learn some of the key factors which influence how groups operate, identify effective leadership skills which get the most out of groups and the practical running of groups.

### CAMBRIDGE HOUSE LITERACY SCHEME VISITORS LUNCH

Cambridge House Literacy Scheme is a local adult education project covering SE 5 & SE 17. It offers help to local people wanting to catch up on their reading, writing, spelling or numeracy. Some day-time groups are supported by a creche.

If you would like to know more about what they do you are invited to attend a VISITORS LUNCH on Tuesday, October 1st between 1 - 2.30 pm. Bread, cheese & coffee will be available.

Please ring 701 4221 and let them know if you would like to attend.

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## GRANTS

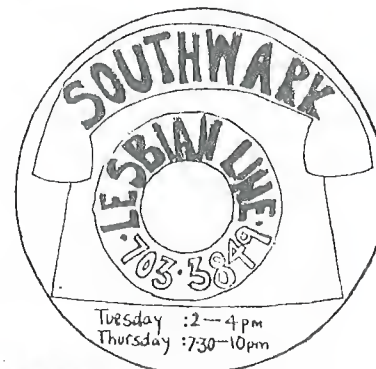
### GRANT AID FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Applications for grant aid towards the cost of running a playscheme during the October half-term holiday are invited from voluntary/community groups, located within the Borough of Southwark.

Projects must be based in or around Southwark (day trips & holidays away will not be considered) & applications should not exceed £250.

Application forms are available from Sarah Newton, Room 4.04, Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5 (703 6311 x 2142)

The closing date for completed application forms is Friday, September 6th 1985.



## JOBS ☆☆☆☆☆

The Newington Project is looking for two Bengali speaking youth workers to work two sessions a week, (lunch-times/after school). Women are particularly encouraged to apply. Previous youth work experience preferred, but not essential. Other relevant experience welcomed. I.L.E.A. rates.

Bengali speaking volunteers also needed for the same sessions.

Please write to or 'phone:  
The Newington Project  
Paragon School Annexe  
Searles Road  
London SE1 Tel.No. 703 7922



# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

## OCTOBER 1985

## NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME TO BELLENDEN

On 18th September 1985 Bellenden Old School was re-opened as a community centre offering a base to Southwark Muslim Women's Association, the Southwark Vietnamese Youth Project, and an ILEA youth club, the Claudia Jones Youth Project which will emphasise the involvement of young people of African/Caribbean background.

A great deal of hard work by the groups, over many years, lies behind the opening. The statutory youth project is based on the first floor of the building and the two voluntary projects share the second floor. They still have a very limited amount of space, inadequate to all the activities they wish to hold, but it is important to both of them to have a base and we wish them a very bright future.

SCVS knows of several other projects which have money, ideas and energy but are unable to function for lack of premises.

#### SOUTHWARK MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Southwark Muslim Women's Association is a voluntary self-help organisation which began in 1979 specifically for Asian Women and their families. It grew out of a concern to help Asian women with the particular problems they face as an ethnic minority group.

The Association hopes to foster racial harmony between the indigenous population and ethnic minority groups by organising social and cultural activities both for its own members and for the whole community. It organises language classes both in Urdu and English to foster a sense of cultural identity for young people growing up in England and to assist adults in their daily lives within the community. Other activities include health workshops, a sewing group, a women's group, creche, youth activities and playschemes during the Easter and Summer school holidays.

The Association also assists other voluntary and statutory workers and agencies by providing a translation/interpretation service, and acting as a

central resource for advice on all problems, referring to other agencies as appropriate, and sees part of its role as providing an advice and counselling resource for families undergoing strain or breakdown due to cultural pressures.

Through all of the above activities and services the Southwark Muslim Women's Association is trying to develop and encourage an understanding of the needs of its own particular ethnic group amongst other agencies providing services in the community.

Actual membership of the Association is open to women only, but the whole family are able to use its services and attend classes and social functions.

#### SOUTHWARK VIETNAMESE YOUTH PROJECT

The Southwark Vietnamese Youth Group was formed by young Vietnamese volunteers and has existed now for some years. It is a social, religious and cultural organisation geared towards serving the needs of young people from Vietnam irrespective of their racial origins, religion or colour.

It concentrates its efforts on providing cultural and recreational activities, particularly music and sport. Great emphasis is also placed on creating and extending links and support structures amongst the Vietnamese community in Southwark and with other Vietnamese communities in this country.

Other activities include health programmes and assistance for young Vietnamese to enable them to develop the skills necessary to survive and integrate into English society.

★ **DON'T FORGET...** ★  
**SCVS A.G.M**

**6.30pm**  
**Wednesday 2nd October**

**STYA**  
**ST LUKE'S SCHOOL**  
**SUMNER RD SE15**

everyone welcome

### THE COPLESTON CENTRE OPEN DAY

11 - 7.30

Thursday, 31st October.

exhibition and refreshments

all welcome



DULWICH VOLUNTEER BUREAU

A new Volunteer Bureau will be opening in Dulwich at the end of September, in St Barnabus Church, Calton Avenue, SE 21.

The two staff, Ursula Gregory (Organiser) and Marjorie Storey, are the first volunteers, and the bureau will be open:

Monday 10am-12 noon  
Tuesdays 2pm-4pm  
Wednesdays 6.30-8pm

at other times by appointment (tel. 299-1548)

Although based in, and supported by the church, it will be open to all local residents as a community resource. Our main aim will be to open up to local residents, the wealth of opportunities for voluntary work, and so the staff of the bureau will be able to give information about these opportunities, and, after consultation, refer potential volunteers to the most appropriate organisations. We would be delighted to hear from organisations who would like to use volunteers and we can then place them on or register for future use.

The bureau is independent, financed as yet by local fund-raising, but the staff of the bureau work closely with those of the main Volunteer Bureau in Southwark (the Voluntary Work Bureau in the Southwark Council for Voluntary Service).

We will be drawing a different catchment area from the above bureau, and do not expect our placements to overlap.



FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
7.30 for 8 p.m.

**ANY QUESTIONS.** Panel including David Bernstein, Germaine Greer and Sir Peter Hall. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, at junction with Peckham Park Road. Tickets: (free) from Southwark Entertainments, 28 Peckham Park Road, S.E.5 (703 2917) and a few at the door.

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
10.15 for 10.30 a.m.

**THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall, Peckham Road,** by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Pat Sullivan, preceded by a short interfaith ceremony in the Council Chamber conducted by Cllr. M.M.Kalia, the Revd. Gerard O'Brien, Imam Khaja Qamaruddin, Miss Joan Rich, the Revd. Roy Screech, Bikhu Thich Tri-Canh, and the Revd. Flaxman Vivian. Mrs Myriel Davies, MBE, Deputy Director of the United Nations Association, will speak briefly on the work of the United Nations Association and answer questions. The Cavalry Church of God in Christ Youth Choir will sing.

7.30 p.m.

**INOIAN FOLK DANCING** to celebrate the Navatri Festival. Warwick Park School (Sumner Site), Peckham Road. (Arranged by South London Asian Youth Association.)

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
10 a.m.

**PARISH MASS WITH THE THEME OF ONE WORLD WEEK.** The congregation will be glad to welcome visitors especially from overseas, and for coffee afterwards. St Giles Church Camberwell Church Street.

10.30 a.m.

**COMMUNION SERVICE: "RECIPES FOR JUSTICE"** Coffee and Tradecraft Stall. St Paul's Church, Herne Hill.

11 a.m.

**SERVICE OF COMMITMENT TO ONE WORLD.** Coffee, and display on Third World needs. St Saviour's Church, Herne Hill Road.

2.30 p.m.

**"PEACE IN A BROKEN WORLD".** Keynote speaker: Mrs Sybil Phoenix, MBE, Methodist Community Worker. Stalls illustrating work of local peace and community groups. Dulwich Baths Hall, Goose Green. Leading to....

# UNITED NATIONS



18th - 27th OCT



4.30 p.m.

A short service of prayer for peace. St John's Church, Goose Green (Arranged by Dulwich Link Group of Churches).

7 p.m.

**WEST AFRICAN CULTURAL EVENING.** Speakers include Amadu Madi, playwright and poet; light music and exhibition of Ghanaian and Nigerian Sculpture and Painting. Refreshments available. Pan-African Centre, 7 Taplow Block, Aylesbury Estate, SE 17 (Arranged by Pan African Organisation).

7.30 p.m.

**INOIAN FOLK DANCING.** Warwick Park School (Sumner Site), Peckham Road.

MONDAY 21st OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
7.30 p.m.

**INOIAN FOLK DANCING.** Warwick Park School (Sumner Site), Peckham Road.

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
2 - 10 p.m.

**FIGHT WORLD POVERTY LOBBY.** House of Commons SW1. Leaflet from Mrs V. George, 15 Gilkes Crescent, SE 21 (s.a.e. please). Also: speakers from major political parties and churches, including Neil Kinnock, Timothy Raison, David Steel. Central Hall, Westminster. Tickets: £1 from W.D.M., Bedford Chambers, Covent Garden, WC2E 8HA.

5.30 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH.** The Mayor's XI v International Student House XI. Southwark Sports Ground, Dulwich Common (Hosts the London Borough of Southwark Sports Football Club).

8 p.m.

**RICH PERSON/POOR PERSON MEAL ...** the discrepancy between rich and poor... play out the global situation: one third will eat well... St Giles' Church Hall, Inverton Road, Nunhead (Arranged by Southwark Ecology Party).

# ATIONS WEEK

## OCTOBER 1985



WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
7 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEETING** at the Town Hall, Peckham Road. Members of the Public welcome. During the week photoposters illustrating some aspects of the work of the United Nations will be on display at: the Town Hall; Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane; Rotherhithe Library, Albion Street; John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street; Abbey National Building Society, 97 Rye Lane; Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane; Social Services Office, 29 Camberwell Road; Britannia Building Society, 298 Walworth Road.

7.30 p.m.

**MIDWEEK MASS:** local worship reflecting One World. Music from Taizé, drama, silence, and sharing the bread of life. St John's Church, Larcom Street.

THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER ☆☆☆

**UNITED NATIONS DAY.** The 40th Anniversary of the coming into force of the Charter of the United Nations.

10 - 12.30 p.m.

**COFFEE MORNING WITH TRAIDCRAFT STALL.**

8 Acland Crescent, Denmark Hill. (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

11.30 a.m.

**HUNGER LUNCH.** County Hall, Westminster Bridge. Tickets: £2 at the door (Arranged by United Nations Association).

8 p.m.

**FILMS AND COFFEE** with Southwark/Dulwich Branch of U.N.A and Amnesty Group. Methodist Community Church Hall, Half Moon Lane, at junction with Beckwith Road.

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
7.30 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL BUFFET.** Music, world development quiz. National dress encouraged. Walworth Methodist Church, Clubland, Camberwell Road. Admission: 50 pence from 703 6228 or at the door. (Arranged by Brandon Ecumenical Project in Walworth).

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER ☆☆☆

**FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF APPEAL.** Offers of help, if over 16 (1 or 2 hours) to Mrs V. George, 15 Gilkes Crescent, SE 21 (693 1500). Donations may also be sent direct to this address. Thanks are due to Southwark Council for Community Relations for a generous donation already..

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER ☆☆☆  
11 a.m.

**UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE** at St Peter's Church, Liverpool Grove, SE 17. Conducted by the Revd. Canon Paul Jobson, assisted by Methodist and Roman Catholic clergy. Preacher: the Revd. Canon Eric James, Director: Christian Action. To be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, the Mayress, Members of the Borough Council, and representatives of local organisations. All welcome. Refreshments available after the service.

NOON

**GRAND PICNIC LUNCH:** Bring enough for yourself and half enough for a guest. An informal chance to swap stories of the week. Christchurch, 27 Blackfriars Road. (Arranged by North Southwark Churches).

3 p.m. for 3.15 p.m.

**SPECIAL 40th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

Preacher: the Archbishop of Canterbury. St Paul's Cathedral.

**ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

The week is also the Week of Prayer for World Peace and One World Week.

☆☆☆ THROUGHOUT THE WEEK ☆☆☆

See Wednesday October 23rd

Third World Display. Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

For further information about the Southwark United Nations Week programme, please consult the Information Office, the Town Hall, Peckham Road, S.E.5

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Hon. Secretary of the local branch: Mrs V George, 15 Gilkes Crescent. SE 21 (693 1500)

Thanks are due to SCVS for their help and support in advertising United Nations Week. Please help them to publicise this programme by using these pages as a mini-poster ☆



# BACK PAGE BITS

## SCVS PUBLICATIONS



### UNDER-FIVES BOOKLET

This is a reprint & update of the successful Under-Fives in Southwark booklet that came out in 1983. Copies are available from SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15 or from Sue Emerson of the Southwark Childcare Campaign, and now also chair of the Under-Fives Forum. She can be contacted through the Women's Centre, 6 Peckham High St. SE15.

### A GUIDE TO VOLUNTARY ACTION IN SOUTHWARK



**VOLUNTEER,  
CAMPAIGN,  
LEARN AND  
ENJOY YOURSELF**

### A GUIDE TO VOLUNTARY ACTION IN SOUTHWARK

This guide has been compiled by the Voluntary Workers Bureau of Southwark Council for Voluntary Service as part of its work of helping people to become involved in ways of improving the quality of life in the Borough through voluntary action.

Available from Amy Wallis - SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15. Tel No:- 732-5729.

## COURSES

The Autumn always brings a lot of courses for those of you who feel like going back to school - the following is a selection of courses and training you might be interested in.



### COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE TRAINING COURSES

The Training Unit for Community Work Service are running the following courses:

**Organising Events:** (23rd Oct.) £10  
LVSC, 54 Chalton St. NW1

Community Groups spend a lot of time organising events, & often underestimating how much time & effort is needed to make them a success. This course is designed to give people an opportunity to look at the different elements involved in organising community events. The day will include planning, getting people involved budgeting, general publicity, using the media and evaluation.

**Making Meetings work:** (28th Oct.) £20  
Connaught Hall, Tavistock Sq. WC1

This is a one-day course for people who want to contribute more effectively in meetings, and who may be required to chair them. The course will cover the preparatoin for meetings; using appropriate structures; chairing and follow-up to meetings.

For more information and application forms contact Mike Ellis & Joan Leacock  
Tel. 388 0241



### TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY GROUPS

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#### CAMPAIGNING SKILLS

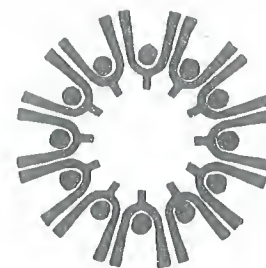
An all day workshop designed to help those who want to develop their skills in organising campaigns (however big or small). It will help you clarify your aims, plan your programme, and use the media more effectively.

**THURS. 24TH OCT.**

10am - 4pm.

Linden Grove Community  
Centre - 56 Nunhead Lane,  
SE15.

TUTOR - Sue Ward - author  
of 'Organising Things - a  
guide to successful political  
action.



### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES - THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

An evening workshop designed to help management committees clarify their responsibilities - legal, financial, and as employers, and the roles of individual members of the committee. Plenty of opportunity to discuss your individual situation and share your experience with others.

**WED. 30TH OCT.**

7-9.30pm.

Borough Community Centre,  
56 Southwark Bridge Rd,  
SE1.

Tutor - Shirley Otto  
Freelance Trainer

### BASIC BDDK-KEEPING

A practical course aimed at groups who have little experience of keeping books. Participants will be taken step by step through the process of keeping good financial records for their organisation.

**WED. 6TH, 13TH & 20TH NOV.**

7-9.30pm.

Bells Garden Community  
Centre, 19 Buller Close,  
SE15.

Tutor - Ramesh Patel  
Mary Ward -  
(Financial Advisory Ser-  
vice)

### BASIC FUNDRAISING

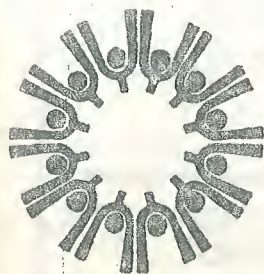
A basic course designed to help you identify the different sources of funding available and give you practical advice on fund-raising strategies and how to approach donors.

**MON. 11TH NOV.**

7-9.30pm.

Albrighton Hall,  
Albrighton Rd, SE24.  
TUTOR - Michael Norton  
Directory of Social  
Change.

For booking forms, please  
contact: Sue Bagnell,  
Southwark Community  
Development, Room 408,  
The Town Hall,  
London Borough of South-  
wark, Peckham Rd, SE5.



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## OCTOBER 1985

# VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKING PARTY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### FIRST MEETING ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM

The following resolution was proposed by Sue Scott ( Pitt Street Settlement) on behalf of the Conditions of Grant Aid Working Party at the SCVS AGM held on Wednesday 2nd October. It was agreed by the meeting

"that SCVS set up a voluntary sector working party on Equal Opportunities to look at how best equal opportunities can be implemented in voluntary organisations and examine the contribution community based organisations can make to this issue. "

At the first meeting we propose to put together terms of reference and plan a programme of work. We need to share the experiences of as many organisations as possible so please come to the first meeting.

This is on THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER at 2.00 at the CONSORTIUM OFFICES, 150, CAMBERWELL ROAD, SE 5 (opposite Franklins )

### *SOUTHWARK WOMEN*

#### *COMMUNITY WORKERS GROUP*

The next meeting of the Women Community Workers Group is on **TUESDAY 29th October at 12.00 at ROTHERHITHE PLANNING CENTRE.**  
190, Southwark Park Road, SE 16.  
Tele.231 0916  
A No. 70 bus goes there.



### THE LONDON COLLEGE OF PRINTING

#### COURSES

The college is running many courses this Autumn on design, video, photography and printing.

Enrollment was on Monday 7th October (unfortunately we did not get the notice until two days before) but it is still worth contacting them to find out more. Phone 735 8484 and ask for Community Education.

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# MONEY

## THE THAMES HELP TRUST

The 1985 Thames Telethon 29-30th October  
Will be raising money to help children  
and young people.

Local Groups are particularly encouraged  
to apply.

Areas of priority for funding are:-

1. Children and young people with disabilities.
2. Self help and community initiatives for children and young people.
3. Training and employment
4. Recreating and Leisure
5. Children and young people with particular needs.

If your group is not registered as a  
charity SCVS can act as your sponsor.  
Write to the Secretary for an application  
form

Thames Help Trust,  
Thames Television,  
306 - 316, Euston Road,  
NW1 3BB

The closing date is Monday November 11th

## SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY FUNDING 1986/7

The London Docklands Development Corporation has  
provided within its 1986/7 budget funds for supporting

### COMMUNITY SCHEMES WITHIN THE DOCKLANDS AREA

Applications may now be submitted for the funding of projects  
to commence from 1 April 1986.

All organisations already in receipt of revenue funding from the  
Corporation up to 31 March 1986 will need to re-submit their  
applications for the continuation of their funding.

All new project applications submitted will be reviewed by the  
Local Joint Committee which is made up of local representatives  
and statutory bodies.

The committee's submission will then be considered by the  
LDDC and successful applications will be submitted to the  
Department of the Environment for final approval.

A full statement of procedures, criteria for funding and  
application forms are available from:

Harold Young

Telephone number 237 6666 ext. 202

Closing date for applications: 26 October, 1985.



London Docklands  
Development Corporation

Surrey Docks Area Office, Gate 3, Lower Road,  
Rotherhithe, S.E.16

## SOUTHWARK WOMENS ACTION GROUP

### JOB VACANCY

Southwark Womens Action Group needs a  
temporary part time Afro Caribbean worker  
to cover for maternity leave as from  
1st November '85 for three months. She  
would work twenty seven hours per week  
as a member of a team ( of three part  
time workers) coordinating the activities of  
the Womens Centre. Salary Scale 6.  
If you are interested in the job ring or  
write and tell us about yourself and/or  
your work experience.

if you are interested in the job ring  
or write

Phone 701 2564

or write to:

Southwark Womens Action Group  
2, Peckham High Street, SE 15.

Interviews will be held between 14th  
and 18th October '85.

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NOVEMBER 1985



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## SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

This is the third edition of our three monthly feature, reporting on matters of particular interest to Southwark's Black and Ethnic Community, and including contributions from these community groups. SCVS welcomes any information and or views from the local community, which they would like to publish in the newsletter. The copy date for the next newsletter, which covers December and January is November 15th, and the deadline for copy for the next Black and Ethnic Issue is February 14th.

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### POLICE IN SOUTHWARK

In the days following the recent Brixton riots, Peckham was subjected to a great influx of policemen and police-women in the streets and on the estates. Far from deterring any disturbances, their presence was, and was seen to be, provocative and oppressive.

This heavy-handed way in which Southwark is policed is reflected in every area of police activity, leading not only to the highest rate of stop-and-search in London, but also many allegations of racism, intimidation, arbitrary arrests, unreasonable use of force during arrests, abuse of rights during detention and arbitrary use of police powers to enter and search homes and workplaces.

The concern that everyone in Southwark should be able to go about their daily lives in a safe and secure environment needs to acknowledge the fact that firstly, many people and especially Black people feel that the police are discriminatory in the protection they afford to them and other particular criminal incidents; and secondly that the very use and abuse of police powers means that they are denied such an environment.

The 1984 Police Act which greatly increases the scope of the police's stop and search powers and extends the other police powers on an unprecedented scale, also contains a provision for the setting up of community/police consultative groups.

Recently, community groups have been left totally confused by the barrage of letters both from the Council and the Police asking for their support in the respective consultative groups. These groups have had their genuine concern over policing exploited by being asked to take sides and to make decisions about the finer details of a consultative group. There has been no explanation,

let alone a comprehensive one, from either agency about what powers such a group will have, which are the areas which the Home Office have already said they have no intention of discussing, and what are the negative implications of such a group operating in Southwark.

In fact, the Home Office guidance on this matter states that, 'General policing policy in the Metropolitan Police district is a matter for consultation between the Home Office and the Commissioner. But the prevention of crime and maintenance of an orderly society depend on the police carrying out their function with the consent of the community.' It seems obvious from this that the police see the purpose of these police/community consultative groups are simply to enlist the support and co-operation of local people, tenants associations, neighbourhood watch schemes and victim support schemes rather than as a means of registering local criticism of police actions or enabling residents a say in how the police should operate in their area.

#### Arguments against the setting up of a Police/Community Consultative Group in Southwark.

The GLC Police Committee Discussion Paper No. 3 writes that, 'The place of these consultative measures in the Act is an attempt to deflect the demand for genuine accountability. The Act will result in the establishment of large, voluntary, non-statutory committees with no power, no clear lines of accountability to the community and no clear relationship with the police. This cannot meet the current needs and may only serve to impede progress towards a democratically and locally accountable police service.'

The National Council for Civil Liberties notes that:

- 1) the police are not obliged to provide any information and consultative groups have no power to make the police change any of their policies. In fact, many groups set up in the past have proven not to have had any influence on policing standards.
- 2) community energies and resources may be diverted by their participation in the group from the task of campaigning for genuine accountability.
- 3) participation gives credence to the Government's claims that the police are already accountable and may give a wrong impression as to the adequacy and potential of such a group. Non-participation, on the other hand, can be used to put the question of police accountability on the agenda.
- 4) participants will have to face the basic contradiction between involved in the group whilst arguing that the group does not meet participants' needs and demands.

Arguments in favour, centre around using the setting up of consultative groups as a 'stepping stone' towards greater accountability and the need to make changes, no matter how small, to present policing practices. Given the above, the opposite seems to be the case and that consultative groups are, in fact, a retrograde step.

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#### POLICE IN SOUTHWARK PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 6th  
7.30

STYA. St Lukes School, Sumner Road  
Peckham

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## POLICE IN SOUTHWARK...

### Southwark Council's version of the Police/Community Consultative Group

In addition to the above it is worth considering that present proposals by

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Group will address issues of police policies and behaviour which the community regard as racially discriminatory, or open to racial abuse.

### Metropolitan Police's version of the Police/Community Consultative Group

It has been argued by the Council that open-door policies 'would be open to packing and vote-rigging by small wholly unrepresentative groups and individuals. There is also little continuity in an open-door policy because participants are not committed to regular attendance.

Most importantly, it is quite likely that the Consultative Group meetings would, as has been the case in other boroughs, be dominated by reactionary groups more concerned with catching criminals rather than challenging police powers, and who do not represent and are opposed to the interests and rights of the Black community, women, the Gay and Lesbian community.

The community's concern over how Southwark is policed would be better channelled into community initiatives which make clear to the police and the Government what the community wants, and which exert continuous and ever increasing pressure to ensure that these are put into practice. Police monitoring groups and defence campaigns are examples of recent positive moves to make the police more accessible to the community.

A public meeting sponsored by such interested agencies as the Southwark Police Monitoring Project, Pitt Street Settlement, SCVS, Unity and Sojourner Youth Truth Association (STYA), and the Southwark Campaign to Oppose Racism (SCORN), is an attempt to draw together and put into effect many other types of locally based initiatives which aims to make an impression on police activity in Southwark.

Lim Ai Meun  
SCORN



## CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

The voluntary sector has expressed much concern about the new Conditions of Grant Aid which are to be imposed by the London Borough of Southwark. Concern stems from two sources. Firstly the conditions themselves and secondly the consultation procedures used by the Council.

No-one in the voluntary sector is opposed to conditions being attached to grant aid and in fact welcome the Council initiative for a uniformed grant system. Indeed workers in the voluntary sector have argued for safeguards to be imposed to protect them from the whims, inexperience and possible gross inefficiencies of management committees and Council Officers. However Southwark's new grant aid conditions are in the spirit of oppressive policing rather than helpful assistance.

When the Council agree to give grant aid to an organisation they are saying they believe that the organisation is responsible and providing a required service. It is, of course, necessary to have a degree of monitoring to make sure that the organisation continues to use funds for the purpose for which they were given, but the monitoring proposed in the new conditions at best assumes organisations to be incompetent and at worst suggests dishonesty. Conditions include that monitoring officers should be free to attend any management meetings as and when they wish; that copies of minutes of all meetings should be sent to the monitoring officer; that the officer should be involved in dis-

cussions about budgeting. This degree of policing is totally unacceptable.

The level and degree of consultation that the Council had with voluntary organisations left much to be desired. The Council circulated draft conditions for the voluntary sector to comment on. Many organisations sent in very detailed comments but the conditions stayed relatively unchanged. The Council were extremely defensive and many voluntary organisations were of the impression that they had no intention of making anything other than the most minor alterations. This produced a document to be imposed upon the voluntary sector rather than one produced in co-operation with them.

Therefore many organisations have decided not to comply with these conditions. I would urge all black community groups to study the new conditions and if they feel that they cannot comply they should write to their monitoring officer stating this and their reasons\*. If enough groups refuse to comply the Council will be forced to revise their grant aid conditions and, this time, listen to the objections of those to whom the conditions are to apply.

Pat Oakley  
Peckham Black Workers Group

\* SCVS have produced an excellent document on the new conditions of grant aid, the objections to each point and alternative procedures for adequate monitoring.

## LESBIAN LINE ... TROUBLE WITH SPARROW

Lesbian Line have been having trouble in getting their services advertised in Sparrow, the free Council newspaper.

Initially Lesbian Line sent in an advert for their helpline and heard nothing in reply. They then wrote a letter asking for free advertising, and explaining why it was important to place the advert. In the meantime two women from the Line went to talk to a Councillor about their problem with Sparrow and were told by her that the workers on the paper did not want to put the advert in as they thought it would create a 'bad image'.

After this the Lesbian Line received a letter from Sparrow saying that they could not place a free advert as this would set a precedent, but the Line could send in details for an article or send in a letter. The Line sent in a letter, and, to date, this has not appeared.

A Council Employee appears to have been having the same problems. This person sent in a letter to Sparrow con-



gratulating the Council on its new Equal Opportunities Policy, particularly in its stance on fighting discrimination against gay men and lesbian women. This letter was never published and we understand that the employee was contacted by Sparrow and asked if they could edit the lines referring to gay and lesbian discrimination. Apparently various exchanges followed in which Sparrow staff were increasingly rude to the person concerned.

We are concerned about the discrimination Sparrow staff seem to be employing regarding the content of the newsletter. We believe it should reflect the interests of the community and in this instance, a particular section of the community is being disregarded.



# CONFERENCES

## EAST LONDON CONFERENCE

November 16th

Hackney Town Hall

The Hackney Anti-Deportation Campaign is initiating a conference to oppose deportations and immigration controls. It will be an activists' conference, open to all, and although it is hoped that organisations and individuals from the North and East of London will particularly turn up, people from outside these areas are also very welcome.

The day conference will have an opening plenary with keynote speakers, followed by workshops which will include the following topics:

The Politics of Immigration Controls  
The Effects of Immigration Controls on Women  
How to Campaign and Fight Deportations

For further details please contact:

Tricia Bohn Tel. 833 0131 (home)

A. Biswas Tel. 254 4894 (work)

or write to: H.A.O.C. Box 39,  
136 Kingsland High Street  
London E8 2NS

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BHOPAL

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 1985

COUNTY HALL

LONDON SE1 7PB

From: 10.30am - 6.00pm

On November 3rd 1985, the Bhopal Victims Support Committee is sponsoring a conference to discuss the many issues raised by the disaster in Bhopal last year and to plan a future course of action. The Committee was set up by a number of concerned individuals and community groups in and around Southall and has already organised several fund-raising events.

### Bhopal is still with us

The leak of MIC gas from the Union Carbide plant caused the worst industrial disaster in history. Up to 15,000 people were killed and 200,000 injured. It is said that about 100,000 people are still "missing". It is clear now that the consequences of the leak of poisonous gas will be with us for a very long time. Many thousands of survivors are still suffering from the toxic effects of MIC, with about 20,000 unable to work because of their injuries. Many women have aborted spontaneously or given birth to children with severe disabilities.

Groups trying to organise medical relief and legal aid have been hampered by the Government of India, as well as

the ignorance and misinformation, surrounding the use of pesticides. Complicity between the state government of Madhya Pradesh and Union Carbide is now evident. Both were aware of the dangers but ignored them. One, by failing to implement safety regulations the other by sacrificing its own safety standards in order to maximise profit. Union Carbide has now compounded its crimes by ignoring the demands of the workers to turn the plant over to some sort of socially useful production. On July 11th, it closed the factory, dismissing about 1,000 workers. Meanwhile, the company has declared that its profits will not be affected.

Both the state and central governments have increased repression on those attempting to keep the issue alive. In June, a doctor was arrested and charged with criminal negligence for unwittingly dispensing a bad batch of government supplied medicines at a clinic set up by local trade unionists. Demonstrations have been viciously suppressed, with dozens of people being arrested and serious charges such as attempted murder being laid against activists.

Three people, a feminist doctor, a member of the Lawyers Collective and someone active in trade union issues, will attend the conference from India. They will speak of events in India and their experiences and problems in organising around health and safety, legal and political issues. "Relief work" in India encompasses all these and cannot be reduced to charitable handouts.

### Multi-nationals, Trans-nationals and Development

The scale of the catastrophe in Bhopal has brought world-wide media coverage, but few people are aware that "mini Bhopals" take place every day. It is estimated that there are 750,000 cases of pesticide poisoning in the world; with between 14,000 to 20,000 fatalities. These occur largely in developing countries and point to some of the problems thrown up by the development strategies of many Third World governments. The Green Revolution model adopted by many states is highly capital intensive, requiring huge inputs of fertilisers and pesticides, with enormous dangers to both users and consumers. The critique of the social cost of the Green Revolution in increasing landlessness on the one hand, and the concentration of wealth on the other, is well developed; but until the MIC leak in Bhopal, there was little discussion of the links between government planning, the role and powers of multi-nationals in both developing and developed economies and the environmental hazards that they pose.

### Think Globally, Act Locally

Repeated leaks of chemicals from the Union Carbide plant in Institute, West Virginia, the latest being on August 11th, remind us that industrial disaster is an ever present possibility. The events in India have to be linked with their implications internationally.

The concerns of the conference, which will be discussed in workshops, are relevant to people involved in health and safety issues, particularly women, people with disabilities, communities who have fought against the presence of hazardous industrial plants, unionists concerned with accountability and socially useful production, environmentalists, and development groups concerned with the politics of relief work.

A resource pack for the conference will be available both on the day and from Bhopal Victims Support Committee.

Entry to the conference is free, and food and drink will be available at a cheap rate. To book for the conference or for further information contact Gita or Suresh at: BVSC, Top Floor, 50/2 King Street, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4DB.

## WORKSHOPS



### TEMBA THEATRE COMPANY WORKSHOPS

Temba Theatre Company are hosting two workshops for theatre artists.

The first, a writers workshop led by Dr Elizabeth Clarke, Associate Director of Temba, will be held each Saturday from 12 noon - 2.00pm from November 2nd until November 30th.

The second workshop on Caribbean Theatrical Forms will be held by Dr Elizabeth Clarke and Felix Cross, musician and playwright. This will run on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm - 9pm from January 9th until January 27th. Both workshops will be held at:

Club of Dance and Self Defence  
Searles Road  
London  
SE1

These workshops are entirely free of charge. However Temba would like some idea of the numbers interested before they begin the workshops, and are asking that anyone interested should write or telephone their Office at:

Room 208  
Ominion House  
101 Southwark Street  
London SE1 OHJ  
Tel: 261 0991



# PUBLICATIONS

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"I Think of My Mother."  
Notes on the Life and Times of  
CLAUDIA JONES  
written by Buzz Johnson, and published  
by Karia Press for £3.95 in paperback.

Claudia Jones was a black woman born in 1915 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. As a girl she moved to the U.S.A. with her parents, and settled in Harlem. From her teens onwards she engaged in anti-racist action. Claudia Jones was refused U.S. citizenship, was imprisoned in America because of her political activity and, in 1955, was deported.

Claudia Jones although putting great energy and courage into her protest, suffered from a serious heart complaint and other health problems. Comrades raised concern about this during her imprisonment, and international protest and concern about her need for medical help led the British Government to accept that Claudia Jones be deported to Britain rather than to Trinidad.

In Britain Claudia Jones' experience of political organising and writing was of great assistance to the Black community, in whose struggle Claudia quickly became involved. Claudia Jones also joined the Communist Party of Great Britain and was involved in international liberation struggles. She died in London on Christmas Day after long continuing health problems despite which she continued her commitment. She is buried next to Karl Marx in Highgate Cemetery.

Paul Robeson, in a recorded message sent to her funeral, said:

"We send you our sad and sympathetic greetings, and it helps us to know that her work will continue through the Committee of Afro-Asian-Caribbean Organisations which she built. She will surely be pleased with such a memorial."

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N.B. A new ILEA Youth Project has been called after Claudia Jones, it is the Claudia Jones Youth Project, which is part of the Bellenden Initiative based at Old Bellenden School. It is just being set up at the moment and should be fully operational in the near future.



## PENSIONERS LINK, HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

### A Complete Guide to Sickle Cell Anaemia

This is the first of a series of teaching packs which will be useful for health professionals, teachers and the Afro-Caribbean community as a whole. The guide includes: facts and general information about the disease, history, teaching aids, a list of available speakers, addresses of information and counselling centres, a book list and 12 handout fact sheets in large type for use in talks and meetings.

The multi-coloured pack is simply designed, and is an ideal tool for speakers, group leaders and education workers. It includes all the information necessary to give an informed talk on the subject.

(£1.30 + 30p package & postage)

### Diabetes - The Facts

This is a four page leaflet in large print giving basic information on Diabetes and its treatment. Available in both English & Gurati.

(5 pence each - no charge for one copy)

Also available from Pensioners Link are:

### A Complete Guide to Thalassaemia

A pack including fact sheets in 8 languages.

### Claim your rights - A Guide to Benefits for Ethnic Elderly Senior Citizens

All these publications are available from: Pensioners Link,  
Health Publications  
17 Balfe Street  
London N9 0EB Tel: 278 5501

# JOBS

Busy Neighbourhood Advice Centre in Peckham requires two workers to join existing team.

## EXPERIENCED FULL TIME ADVICE WORKER

Work includes immigration, housing, welfare rights. Some evening/Saturday work. Job share applications welcome with or without a partner. Salary: £10,227 inclusive.

## SKILLED TYPIST

18 hours per week preferably spread over four days.  
Salary: £3823 inclusive.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications regardless of sex, race or disability. We particularly encourage those with experience of working in a multi-ethnic community.

Tel: 639 2745 for an application form  
Closing date: 8th November 1985

# BITS 'N PIECES

## COUNCIL NEWS

At the Race Equality Committee meeting on October 8th, the Committee were informed of the proposals to introduce ethnic record keeping into the following areas of service provision: Hall Bookings; Hire of Sports Facilities; Passport to Leisure Scheme; Sports and Arts Grant Applications; Facelift Scheme; Private Sector Housing; Consumer Advice; Residential and Day Care provision for the Elderly; Children and Young People; Mentally and Physically Handicapped; Mental Health; Meals on Wheels; Home Help; Foster and Adoptive Homes; Childminding; Social Services Literature (Languages); Aids and Adaptations; Referral of Clients - Take up of Service.

## GLC ABOLITION MEANS 17,000 ON DOLE

Next year, at least 7,000 workers in local government will be joining the dole queue - half of them in London - because the present Government have chosen to wipe out a whole tier of local democracy.

A further 14,000 full and part-time workers whose jobs depend on local government - from workers in voluntary organisations to those in firms supplying services and goods to town halls - may well be joining the jobs queue, with all the domino effects that will bring in its wake.

In London's voluntary organisations alone, nearly 6,000 full-time and over 3,000 part-time jobs, currently funded by the GLC, would have to go.

# DON'T FORGET ...

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKING PARTY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST MEETING ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER AT 2.00pm  
at the CONSORTIUM OFFICES, 150 CAMBERWELL ROAD, SE5





## NEWSLETTER EXTRA

## DON'T FORGET!

REMINDER ABOUT THAMES HELP TRUST

The Thames Telethon held on 29/30th October has raised money to help children and young people. Local groups are encouraged to apply for funds, and if your group is not registered as a charity SCVS can act as your sponsor.

The areas of priority for funding are:

1. Children and young people with disabilities
2. Self help and community initiatives.
3. Training and employment
4. Recreation and Leisure
5. Children and young people with particular needs.

Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Thames Help Trust, Thames Television, 306-316 Euston Rd NW NW1 3BB.

The closing date is Monday 11th November

## NEW WORKER

ASSOCIATION OF CARERS - appointment of Southwark worker

Did you know there could be as many as 20,000 people in Southwark looking after frail, elderly or handicapped members of their household? In 1983 the Association of Carers, with a grant from Southwark Council, did a survey of 'carers' in East Dulwich. Our report called 'Who cares in Southwark?' showed who the carers are, what caring means and the effect of caring on carers' lives, and made a number of recommendations on how the local health and social services could better support and relieve carers in Southwark. With a further grant from Southwark, the Association has now appointed a worker to follow up the report's recommendations.

If you would like to hear about carers in Southwark and what I, as the worker, hope to be doing in the next year, or if you have views or experiences about carers and their needs to tell me, I would be happy to come and talk to your organisation.

You can contact me, Jenny Pitkin, at Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1 6SS. Tel: 703 6363 ext. 324

Jenny Pitkin

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

There are still some member groups who have not yet renewed their membership subscription to SCVS for 1985/6.

Come on you lot... it's only £5.00 for a year. As a member you have access to SCVS meeting rooms and equipment at a reduced cost. Call in and pick up a membership form, or ring us up and we'll send you one, and if your organisation is currently without funds we can arrange a discount.

We also welcome new members, so please call in for details. Ask for Sue Clarke or ring SCVS on 732 3731.



## The Royal Ballet

PAUL HAMLYN WEEK 10 - 16 JANUARY 1986

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity of spending an evening with the Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House: an opportunity made possible by the generous and imaginative sponsorship of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. During the Paul Hamlyn Week the Royal Ballet will be performing three of the most popular ballets, the Nutcracker Suite, Manon and Giselle which are being presented especially for members of the public who have never been to a performance at the Royal Opera House before.

The seat prices for these six performances range from £1 - £3. Bookings can only be made by post on special booking forms which are available from the Paul Hamlyn Week, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 900. Telephone: 01 240 1200 Ex. 363

## CONFERENCE

ACTION ON YOUTH RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCE

Saturday 16th November 1985

10am - 5pm

County Hall, London SE1

Topics for the Conference will be: Education, Youth Training Scheme, Benefits, Employment, Young People and the Law

Full details of the Conference can be obtained from: AYRO, 14a Hanley Rd, London, N4 3OR

## PRISON COMMITTEE WORK

THE BOARD OF VISITORS

Boards of visitors of penal establishments, like Boards of Governors of Schools, Community Health Councils, and numerous kinds of commission and tribunal, are made up of Lay appointees in whom are vested considerable powers and responsibilities.

The principal duty of a Board of Visitors is to satisfy itself as to the state of the Prison premises, the administration of the prison and the treatment of the prisoners.

A board carries out these responsibilities first by acting as an independent observer of the establishment on behalf of the Home Secretary; and secondly by acting as a disciplinary body dealing with prisoners charged with serious offences against the prison rules.

Neither elected nor professionally trained, they are simply trusted as responsible members of the community to perform important (and often complex or sensitive) tasks with common sense, discretion and a sense of fair play.

THE LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The local review committee sit in a panel of five. The panel is made up by two independent members who sit with a representative of the prison Governor, the prison's Board of visitors and the probation service.

Consideration by the local review committee is the first formal stage in the process of selecting prisoners for parole. The Committee's function is to consider the case of each prisoner as he approaches his parole eligibility date, or reaches the date on which any subsequent review is due, and to report to the Home Secretary on his suitability for parole.

The Committee recommendation on whether a prisoner is suitable for early release from the sentence, on parole, is then passed to the Home Secretary who takes the final decision.

Khälid Sharif  
Member of the Board of Visitors & the local review committee of Wandsworth Prison, and an Executive Committee member of SCVS.

(Tel: 639 9840 (home), 659 0640 (work))



# FREE!

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Climbing frame and swing  
for outside use.

Play equipment to give away to any  
interested organisation. For further  
details ring Louise Levin on 703 0855  
ext. 277.(work). Can be delivered.

## INFORMATION

SOUTHWARK INSTITUTE OF ADULT EDUCATION

The Southwark Institute of Adult  
Education, in agreement with ILEA has  
published a set of Guidelines for the  
Institute in working with the voluntary  
sector. It covers the right of organ-  
isations to request classes and the  
provision for creches for part-time and  
evening students. Copies of the Guide-  
lines are available from: Oan Taubman,  
SIAE, Queen's Rd Centre, SE15 2EA or  
telephone 639 1178.

### ARTHRITIS CARE

Arthritis Care need volunteers to  
help form and run a new branch in South  
wark. They need about ten people for a  
branch and committee. It is expected  
that those involved would attend branch  
meetings once a month and other com-  
mittee meetings as required. Anyone who  
is interested in forming a branch will  
get help from the Regional Organiser:  
Mr O.T.Oresch JP, Organiser for Arthrit-  
is Care, Hill House, Branksome Park Rd,  
Camberley, Surrey GU15 2AE Tel: (0276)  
63713. People interested can also come  
into the Voluntary Workers Bureau at  
SCVS to discuss what the commitment  
would be.

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOPS

The Charities Advisory Trust have  
set up several Christmas Card shops  
with stock from both local and national  
charities.

| Locations      | Dates   | Trading Hours             |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Barbican       | 14/10 - | Mon - Sat                 |
| Centre EC1     | 20/12   | 11 - 7pm<br>Sun. 12 - 6pm |
| New Gallery    | 14/10 - | Mon - Thur                |
| 123 Regent St  | 20/12   | 10.30 - 5pm               |
| W1             |         | Fri<br>10.30 - 3pm        |
| National Theat | 28/10 - | Mon - Fri                 |
| Theatre        | 13/12   | 5 - 7.45pm                |
| South Bank     |         | Sat & matinee             |
| SE1            |         | 12 - 7.45pm               |
| St Martin-     | 11/12 - | Mon - Fri                 |
| in-the-Fields  | 20/12   | 10.30 - 6.30              |
| Trafalgar Sq   |         |                           |
| WC2            |         |                           |

### PSYCHOTHERAPY GROUP

There are some vacancies in a small  
psychotherapy group which meets weekly  
in Waterloo. It is for people who are  
feeling very depressed, anxious or  
isolated. For further information  
contact Jo Klein, Tel: 928 5747.

## PAY GUIDELINES

The National Joint Council for Local  
Authorities has reached a reasonably  
early agreement on the 1985 review of  
salaries. Some restructuring of points  
1 - 11 has resulted in most points  
being renumbered. The pay increase  
dates back from July 1st, so back pay  
will have to be arranged for staff who  
were employed from that time. The  
allowance for London Weighting has not  
increased yet, though it is currently  
under review. These scales for Local  
Government are the ones most commonly  
used by voluntary organisations as a  
guideline to setting the rates of pay  
for their own workers. Please remember  
that any jobs advertised now will have  
to include the new scales and points,  
not the old ones.

| Position before<br>1.7.85                 |                         |                         | Revised Position<br>from 1.7.85                       |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Column 1<br>Spinal<br>Column<br>Point No. | Column 2<br>Salary<br>£ | Column 3<br>Salary<br>£ | Column 4<br>Spinal<br>Column<br>Point<br>(renumbered) |  |  |
| a1                                        | 2,856                   | 3,006                   | a1                                                    |  |  |
| a2                                        | 3,021                   | 3,180                   | a2                                                    |  |  |
| Scale 1                                   | 3,144                   | 3,309                   | 1                                                     |  |  |
| 2                                         | 3,342                   | 3,516                   | 2                                                     |  |  |
| 3                                         | 3,606                   | 3,795                   | 3                                                     |  |  |
| 4                                         | 3,807                   | 4,008                   | 4                                                     |  |  |
| 5                                         | 4,065                   | 4,281                   | 5                                                     |  |  |
| Scale 2                                   | —                       | 4,533                   | 6                                                     |  |  |
| 6                                         | 4,437                   | 4,773                   | 7                                                     |  |  |
| 7                                         | 4,611                   | —                       | —                                                     |  |  |
| 8                                         | 4,737                   | 5,058                   | 8                                                     |  |  |
| 9                                         | 4,920                   | 5,301                   | 9                                                     |  |  |
| 10                                        | 5,058                   | —                       | —                                                     |  |  |
| 11                                        | 5,238                   | 5,550                   | 10                                                    |  |  |
| 12                                        | 5,397                   | 5,706                   | 11                                                    |  |  |
| 13                                        | 5,574                   | 5,883                   | 12                                                    |  |  |
| 14                                        | 5,769                   | 6,078                   | 13                                                    |  |  |
| Scale 3                                   | 5,922                   | 6,234                   | 14                                                    |  |  |
| 15                                        | 6,081                   | 6,399                   | 15                                                    |  |  |
| 16                                        | 6,249                   | 6,576                   | 16                                                    |  |  |
| 17                                        | 6,420                   | 6,756                   | 17                                                    |  |  |
| Scale 4                                   | 6,555                   | 6,900                   | 18                                                    |  |  |
| 19                                        | 6,810                   | 7,167                   | 19                                                    |  |  |
| 20                                        | 7,065                   | 7,437                   | 20                                                    |  |  |
| 21                                        | 7,329                   | 7,713                   | 21                                                    |  |  |
| Scale 5                                   | 7,524                   | 7,920                   | 22                                                    |  |  |
| 23                                        | 7,746                   | 8,154                   | 23                                                    |  |  |
| 24                                        | 8,004                   | 8,424                   | 24                                                    |  |  |
| 25                                        | 8,262                   | 8,697                   | 25                                                    |  |  |
| Scale 6                                   | 8,532                   | 8,979                   | 26                                                    |  |  |
| 27                                        | 8,820                   | 9,282                   | 27                                                    |  |  |
| 28                                        | 9,114                   | 9,591                   | 28                                                    |  |  |
| S.O. 31                                   | 9,477                   | 9,975                   | 29                                                    |  |  |
| 32                                        | 9,795                   | 10,308                  | 30                                                    |  |  |
| 33                                        | 10,107                  | 10,638                  | 31                                                    |  |  |
| S.O. 34                                   | 10,404                  | 10,950                  | 32                                                    |  |  |
| 35                                        | 10,716                  | 11,280                  | 33                                                    |  |  |
| 36                                        | 11,025                  | 11,604                  | 34                                                    |  |  |
| 37                                        | 11,259                  | 11,850                  | 35                                                    |  |  |
| 38                                        | 11,562                  | 12,168                  | 36                                                    |  |  |
| 39                                        | 11,889                  | 12,513                  | 37                                                    |  |  |
| 40                                        | 12,243                  | 12,885                  | 38                                                    |  |  |
| 41                                        | 12,645                  | 13,308                  | 39                                                    |  |  |
| 42                                        | 12,981                  | 13,662                  | 40                                                    |  |  |
| 43                                        | 13,326                  | 14,025                  | 41                                                    |  |  |
| 44                                        | 13,668                  | 14,385                  | 42                                                    |  |  |
| 45                                        | 14,013                  | 14,748                  | 43                                                    |  |  |
| 46                                        | 14,358                  | 15,111                  | 44                                                    |  |  |
| 47                                        | 14,682                  | 15,453                  | 45                                                    |  |  |
| 48                                        | 15,042                  | 15,831                  | 46                                                    |  |  |
| 49                                        | 15,387                  | 16,194                  | 47                                                    |  |  |
| 50                                        | 15,726                  | 16,551                  | 48                                                    |  |  |
| 51                                        | 16,065                  | 16,908                  | 49                                                    |  |  |

# JOBS

### TEMPORARY HOLIDAY PROJECT SUPPORT WORKERS (three month appointment)

Two temporary workers are required  
to carry out support work for the  
Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Com-  
mittee. This Committee (which is  
composed of representatives from South-  
wark Council, ILEA and the Voluntary  
Sector) is responsible for administer-  
ing grants to voluntary/community  
groups running holiday projects within  
the London Borough of Southwark and is  
concerned with improving the quality of  
play provision within Southwark.

Duties will include the preparation  
of an information pack for groups,  
organising a series of training courses  
organising a public meeting on holiday  
projects, responsibility for inform-  
ation about grants, advising groups,  
plus general administrative work.

The successful applicants will need  
a knowledge of holiday projects in an  
inner city environment and admin-  
istrative experience will be required.

The posts will run from 1st January  
1986 to 31st March 1986.

For further information and an  
application form please contact:  
Sarah Newton, Town Hall, Peckham Road,  
SE5. Tel: 703 6311 ext 2142  
The closing date is 22nd November 1985.

# STOP PRESS

There has been a change of venue for  
the open meeting organised by Peckham  
Settlement on Saturday, 30th November.  
The meeting will now be held at:

St John's Church Hall  
Meeting House Lane  
Peckham SE15

The meeting is open to anyone from  
the community in Peckham. It takes  
place between 10.30 - 4.30, and will  
have Harriet Harman speaking on Central  
Government plans, spending forecasts  
and how these affect services, and also  
Jenny Stiles from SCVS speaking about  
situation of community services at the  
present time. Discussion groups will  
also be held on specific issues of  
interest to the community. The comments  
discussions and proposals arising from  
this meeting will be recorded, sent to  
all participants and presented as a  
paper to Central Government and South-  
wark Council.

For booking forms and information  
please contact:

Chris Richards  
Community Work Project  
Peckham Settlement  
Goldsmiths Road SE15 5TF





# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER '85/JANUARY '86

### URBAN AID

These are this year's Urban Aid applications submitted to the Department of the Environment for funding, starting 86/87.

Only one GLC funded group was submitted by the Council because of the large amount of capital required which is not available through transitional funding. Time expired projects which included four adventure playgrounds, Copleston Children's Centre & Oachwyng Family Centre have been put into the base budgets of their own Committees and will now receive main Council funding.

This decision has given very welcome encouragement to new initiatives in the Borough at a time when it is becoming harder and harder to get funding for new projects and new groups to meet ever increasing needs.

1. Silwood Youth Centre
2. Camberwell After School Project - to promote the care & education of children in need after school & in the holidays.
3. Southwark Pensioner's Centre
4. Sojourner Truth Youth Association
5. Punjabi Education Group for Under-Fives.
6. SCVS Voluntary Worker's Bureau - to establish an independent Bureau with increased staff & it's own premises.
7. Southwark Community Transport Scheme
8. Playscheme support & development worker.
9. Muslim Community Centre
10. Training Nursery - Resource Centre
11. Community Nurseries Peripatetic Support Team
12. Southwark Globe Drama
13. SCCR - to develop support for self-help initiatives from individuals & groups.

Veronica Ward

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be no January issue of the newsletter. All copy for the February Issue must be sent to SCVS by JAN. 17th

### FUTURE MOVES FOR GLC FUNDED GROUPS



On September 30th, a conference was organised by SCVS to discuss the implications of GLC abolition on the voluntary sector, and in particular, the funding prospects for GLC groups. Since then, GLC groups have been meeting on a regular basis to share information regarding the Council and ILEA's application for transitional funding from the OoE and individual applications for funding under the Richmond Scheme. (This applies to those organisations which operate on a London-wide basis or in boroughs besides Southwark).

In addition, these groups have been working on a plan of action to lobby Southwark Council for a commitment to save all GLC - funded jobs and services after abolition. The GLC groups which met felt that any other strategy would be extremely divisive and would discriminate in particular against those groups which, despite the council's policy of equal opportunities, have in the past experienced difficulty in obtaining political support from Southwark Council, such as women's and Black groups. It was therefore decided that a campaign should be launched to fight collectively for the continued funding of all GLC groups and against any attempts whether by the OoE or the Council to prioritise or arbitrarily pick-off groups.

The Council did in fact in an attempt to maximise its allocation from the OoE, submit all GLC - groups for its initial application to the OoE, as did most other Labour -controlled boroughs and at least one Conservative controlled borough. A few days ago, the DoE announced its provisional allocation for Transitional Funding. It then became clear from the London-wide picture that without exception, Labour-controlled boroughs received only 27.5% of their bids, whereas Conservative-controlled boroughs each received an allocation which amounted to 41% of what was admitted to the OoE. (Liberal-controlled Richmond received 37.8%.) This is in complete contradiction of earlier OoE statements which had said that most help would be given to areas of greatest social needs, and to

ones which received most GLC funding. The DoE attempted to justify this by quoting as it's criteria for allocation the excuse that boroughs which had 'not made considered bids' had their allocation cut by a third. Yet Croyden, Hammersmith, Merton, Kingston and the City of London councils who submitted all their GLC groups received the 41% like all their fellow Conservative controlled councils. This means, for example, that Wandsworth, a Conservative controlled borough, submitted a request for £1,958,000 and has been granted 41.2% or £817,010. Whereas Southwark asked for £2,965,000 and has only been granted £594,360. In addition the DoE has just stated that certain groups are to be excluded from transitional funding. Among them are groups which:

- operate around national or international issues e.g. CNO & Third World Campaigns.
- aim to monitor statutory agencies, other than those who fund them, like police monitoring groups.
- sought or obtained approval for funding from the GLC after 15th October 1985.

LVSC is organising a meeting to discuss how to protest against these most unsubtle and totally unacceptable moves by the Government to take money away from the poorest boroughs, to undermine local authorities and to obstruct legitimate and much needed political activity and monitoring in London. This meeting is taking place on Monday, 9th December, SCVS together with the GLC groups are also organising their own protest. For further details of both events please contact Ai Meun at SCVS.

Southwark Council remained undecided about how to proceed with the question of funding ex-GLC groups. Without an expressed commitment from the Council in the near future, management committees may have to start issuing redundancy notices to its workers. GLC groups need the support of the whole voluntary sector, and the local community to successfully lobby Councillors for an immediate commitment to prevent any





# SCVS OFFICE NEWS

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SHUTDOWN

### OFFICE CLOSING OVER CHRISTMAS

The SCVS, CDA and Voluntary Workers Bureau will be closed to visitors over the two weeks of Christmas and New Year from Monday Dec. 23rd - Friday Jan. 3rd inclusive. There will however be a few staff working during these times and if you need to see someone or use our equipment please telephone. HARU will be operating their telephone advice service on 23rd Dec. and 3rd Jan.



### ADVANCE NOTICE

#### SCVS PARTY

January 31st 4.30 - 8.30 pm

Instead of having a Christmas Party this year we are going to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Members and friends of SCVS are all invited and we will be sending out invitations nearer the time. Don't forget to book it in your diary now!



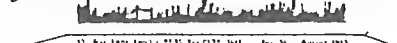
## HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

The Housing Advice Resource Unit is part of SCVS. It's four workers give support, information and advice to organisations and groups in Southwark who are involved with housing problems.

The Unit is not an advice centre for the public. It will talk over individual people's housing problems with staff who are trying to sort out how to help. It also provides training sessions and a newsletter, "HARU NEWS".

If you want information on housing in Southwark, do ring HARU on 732 3649 between 9.30 and 5.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It costs nothing to go on our mailing list and our training is very cheap.

## HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT NEWS



### N.B

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily to be taken as those of SCVS.

# LOCAL NEWS

## LEWISHAM AND NORTH SOUTHWARK

### GOOD PRACTICES IN MENTAL HEALTH

We are compiling a new guide to Good Practices in Mental Health, covering voluntary organisations, self-help groups, Social Services and NHS provision. Do you know a project that should be included? It might be large or small, and might cater for people suffering from mental illness or from a stress such as bereavement or a drink problem.

If you do, or if you would like to share views on what 'good practice' is, come to our SPRINGBOARD MEETING on 9th December, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, at Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, SE14. It will be chaired by Peter Tegg, Chair of Lewisham MIND. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like further information, or cannot attend but would like to recommend a project, please contact Liz Sayce at 13, Catford Broadway, London SE6. Telephone No: 690 8777.

### QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

This brand new community centre has recently been completed and will be opening very soon. They have been fortunate to receive a grant of £1,000 from the London Borough of Southwark to purchase furniture and equipment. But this sum has not been able to cover all their needs. They are, therefore, appealing to fellow community organisations for donations of equipment which are not used anymore. In particular they are in need of chairs, tables, kitchen equipment, office equipment, storage cabinets, noticeboards and any indoor sports/games equipment.

They are able to arrange transport so if you are able to help please ring John Daly, Vice Chair of the Management Committee, on 403 3209.



### VIETNAMESE & CANTONESE INTERPRETERS

Bellenden is a general advice centre which gives advice on Housing, Welfare Benefits, Immigration, Employment and other matters.

They will be having a Vietnamese and Cantonese Interpreter at their advice session on the first and third Tuesday of each month between 10.00 and 12.00 at Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre, Copleston Centre, Copleston Rd, Peckham SE15. The first such session is on Tuesday 3rd December.

### COMMUNITY CRECHE SCHEME

Policy Committee of Southwark Council has given the Community Creche Scheme some additional money. This will enable three things to happen.

(i) An increase for Creche Workers to £3.50 per hour (ILEA rate) backdated to 1st October. Money to cover this will

be sent to all groups currently funded by the scheme.

(ii) This will enable new groups to apply for funding for events, meetings etc., for a maximum of 10 hours per week, until the 31st March 1986.

(iii) Those groups who need increased creche hours (to a maximum of 10 hours per week) can now receive additional funding.

Part of the agreement for groups who receive funding previously from the community Creche Scheme, was that receipts signed by the Creche Worker was to be sent to me by the end of August. So far, only a few have done this. If you have not, please forward them to me quickly. (Rita Stallard - Grants Officer - Southwark Women's Equality Unit Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB.

## GLCFUNDED GROUPS ...

loss of jobs & services in Southwark due to the Government's attack on the GLC and London's poorest communities. The Council has so far attempted to deal with the issue by setting up a Policy (GLC) sub-committee which has met once and will be meeting again on Friday, 13th December (provisionally) to make certain crucial decisions on the future of GLC groups. (The Labour Group meets on the 9th December (tentatively)!) Although two representatives from the voluntary sector have been invited as observers to these meetings, it would seem far more satisfactory if these meetings were open to the public

and proper channels were established for dialogue between the Council and the voluntary sector.

It is anticipated that GLC funded groups will call for a lobby of the meeting on the 9th December (to be confirmed) to reinforce the call for Southwark Council to recognise the value of the service provided by GLC groups, and to reinstate their uncompromising stand on collectively fighting to safeguard their funding. If your organisation wishes to lend it's support to this lobby, please make a note of the details and contact Ai Meun at SCVS nearer to the date.

Ai Meun

# INFORMATION

## TALKING BOOKS

Talking Books is a National Charity whose service, since it's conception 12 years ago has provided a 'lifeline' to several thousand people who have all been frustrated from reading in the normal way. These include those suffering from physical or mental handicap, the elderly, dyslexic and dialysis patients, and victims of accidents or war. Talking Books are unfailing friends to many of the organisation's members. They contribute to the alleviation of suffering and provide relief from loneliness, boredom and frustration.

The Charity is particularly keen to set up support groups throughout the U.K. to help spread the word about the facilities the Charity offers and to fundraise on it's behalf. Money is always needed to help pay for the especially designed and easy to use players, the cassettes (6 tracks and 12½ hours playing time on each one) and the cost of postage both ways of these items to the members. There are also thousands more people who would use the service, but who know nothing of the benefit it might be to them. The present target therefore is to increase membership to 10,000 people.

If you can help Talking Books please contact: Dawn Roberts

National Listening Library  
12 Lant Street  
London SE1 1QH.  
Tel.No: 407 9417

Any assistance seeking out new members or raising money would help to improve the quality of many people's lives and considerably aid the Charity in their endeavours to provide this vital service.

## BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES

Does your organisation have book-keeping problems? A backlog of accounts which need sorting out before you can get your next grant instalment, or apply to trusts? An historic mess which has to be tidied up, or you just need regular help a few hours a month to keep things up to date?

John Howes is setting up as a freelance book-keeper, and has had widespread bookkeeping experience with voluntary organisations. He charges £5 an hour plus any necessary expenses, and is available for anything from a couple of hours a month to a couple of days a week regular book-keeping.

Contact: John Howes

22 Henry House  
Coin Street  
London SE1 8YE  
Tel No: 928 4748

## WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTRE

The Women's Reproductive Rights London survey has just completed a unique project researching information about contraception, abortion and sterilisation facilities in each of the 31 London health authorities. This information is now available for Lewisham and North Southwark in English (and soon in Punjabi, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi and Chinese) and they are free

The survey contains valuable information and needs to reach as many women in London as possible. We would be grateful for any help you can offer. Please get in touch with us if you can display or distribute these leaflets through your own networks. We can supply as many as you are able to use. If you know of anyone, either group or individual who would find them useful, please phone or write letting us know how many you would like and in which language to:

Women's Reproductive Rights  
Information Centre  
52-54 Featherstone St, EC1  
Tel: 251 6332

(Copies of the booklet also available at SCVS)

## FURNITURE TO GIVE AWAY

The Citizens Advice Bureau, at 199 Walworth Road has four metal lockers (for coats) and 20 wood & metal stacking chairs to give away to any group willing to collect them.

If you are interested please contact Michelle Pearce on 703 4198.

# MEETINGS

ADVANCE NOTICE  
GAY & LESBIAN RIGHTS IN THE  
VOLUNTARY SECTOR  
Friday, 14th February

A small group from voluntary organisations in Southwark is planning a Day Workshop on Lesbian & Gay rights to take place on 14th February. There will be outside speakers and topics will include: Employment issues, Aids, and working with young people. If you are interested in attending or joining the planning group contact John, Veronica or Sue at SCVS.



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKING PARTY

The first meeting of the voluntary sector Equal Opportunities Working Party held on 7th November was unfortunately very sparsely attended. Only

five organisations were represented at the meeting. The proposal to have an Equal Opportunities Working Party arose from the meetings about the Conditions of Grant Aid where it was felt strongly that the voluntary sector should respond to any pressure from the Council to adopt a policy in line with their own. The voluntary sector have potentially much to teach the Council about what this really means. The Working Party was called to try & pull together some of the work already being done by voluntary organisations and to provide guidelines for the voluntary sector as a whole.

Because we were quite a small group we decided to be modest in our aims and that the immediate objective would be to set up guidelines on disability, gay & lesbian rights and race equality.

The first aim of the group will be to put together guidelines on equal opportunities for the disabled and it was agreed to collect some information together for the next meeting.

If your organisation already has a written policy & guidelines on disability, particularly on employment & the services your organisation provides we would be very pleased to have a copy. Send them to Veronica Ward at SCVS.

The next meeting to discuss  
**DISABILITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
will be on

Tuesday 28th January, 2.30 pm  
at the Consortium, 150 Camberwell Rd.



## SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S COMMUNITY WORKERS GROUP

The next meeting of the Southwark women's community workers group will be on Friday 6th December at INSET, 137 Rye Lane, Peckham, Tel: 635 9111. Starting at 12 noon. This is an informal meeting for women community workers in Southwark. We meet over lunch (please bring your lunch with you).

We are giving support & information to each other, as well as having fun. We know that as community workers we are very pushed for time and always overloaded with work.

We normally meet every 4 to 6 weeks for about 1½ to 2 hours maximum. We feel we gain a lot from meeting other women and hope you can come to share with us any problems you are facing or pass on any information to other women.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th December.

For more information on the group contact Maggie, Julie or Joanne at the Rotherhithe Community Planning Centre, Tel: 231 0916.



# COURSES

## DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE SEMINARS

### APPLYING TO COMPANIES

14th January 1986

How do you approach companies for support, what should you be looking for and how do you write a successful appeal letter? This is a basic practical workshop to help those seeking money and other support from industry.

### PROMOTING YOUR PUBLICATIONS

28th January 1986

It is all too easy to produce publications, but how can you promote them and sell them effectively. This one-day workshop will look at the things you can do to promote and publicise your books, pamphlets and other publications

### APPLYING TO TRUSTS

14th February 1986

This workshop concentrates on looking at trusts, what they are, how to find out about them, and how to write applications that work.

These seminars cost £25 each which includes lunch and all refreshments. The seminars are from 10.30 am - 5.00 pm. Further information from Clive Smithers Directory of Social Change, 9 Mansfield Place, London NW3 1HS. Tel: 794 9835.



## WORKSHOPS FOR TRADE UNIONISTS

### THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

28th November & 4th December

These workshops are aimed at trade union members in both the statutory and voluntary sectors. You don't have to be an expert on any of the issues, just be prepared to come and share experiences. Lunch will be available. Creche and access facilities available. The workshops are from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. For more details contact: Avril Wilson, Room 506a, GLC, County Hall, SE1 Tel: 633 5324

The workshops will be held at T.G.W.U. Transport House, Smith Square, SW1

## THE FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(Workhouse & Remission Scheme)



The Family Welfare Association at Rotherhithe has a substantial amount of domestic furniture for sale. Please contact them at: Hope Sufferance Wharf, 61a ST Mary Church Street, Rotherhithe, SE16 Tel: 237 1515

# JOBS



## THE WALWORTH ADVICE AND COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT

A part of Southwark Council services this project provides a wide range of services in a multi-racial area of North Southwark with a large Bengali population. The project now requires:

A Full-time Generalist Advice Worker (Scale 6 £10,227 - £10,839) to share in the caseload and rota for advice sessions. Experience in advice giving, housing, employment and race issues is preferred, though some training is available. There is also special responsibility for developing advice provision to the black community, and rights campaign work.

A Full-time Community Worker (Scale 6 £10,227 - £10,839) to work with one other community worker at the project. Experience/understanding of community work in inner city setting is required. Work involves development & assistance to local groups with special emphasis on work with black women & unemployed people. Experience of work with the Bengali community an advantage. Some training available, & evening work required.

For an informal discussion ring Clare Mundy, the Project Organiser: 701 1038 (mornings only). For both these posts applications from black women will be especially welcomed. (Section 38(1)(b) of the Race Relations Act 1976 applies) Closing date for applications: DEC.13th

### Part-time Clerical Officer

(£2,185 - £3,776 20 hrs per week) to assist the full-time Administrator. Typing skills essential, training for other duties will be given. Work involves reception for busy advice sessions and one evening a week legal advice sessions; taking bookings etc. for the project's minibus; and contact with local groups.

For an informal discussion ring Ellen Blake on 701 1038 (mornings only).

Closing date for applications: DEC.6th

Southwark is an E.O. Employer. Telephone 701 2870 (24-hour answering service) for an application form or write on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, SE15 6DG.

Unfortunately the project has no disabled access.



## PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY

### HANDICAPPED

Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Rd  
London SE5 OHF

Tel. 703 5025/701 0769



## CAMBRIDGE HOUSE & TALBOT - CITIZENS ADVOCACY PROJECT

Citizens advocacy is about a private citizen entering into a relationship with, and representing the interests of a mentally handicapped person who needs assistance to improve his/her quality of life and to obtain their full rights and entitlements.

This project is a new initiative to promote citizen advocacy in Southwark. It requires two workers:

A Co-ordinator (35 hrs on Scale SO1: £11,223 - £11,886 inc.) to recruit, train and support advocates and to develop the project: there is a possibility of job-sharing.

An Admin/Resources worker (17½ hrs on Scale 4: £8148 - £8961 pro-rata) to provide administrative support to the co-ordinator and to develop the necessary office systems.

We are looking for people with energy, networking skills and preferably, a knowledge of Southwark's local communities.

For an application form, please write to:

Cambridge House Mental Handicap Project  
131 Camberwell Road, London, SE5 OHF

Closing date for returned application forms: Monday 9th December 1985.

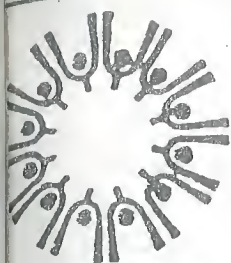
These posts are funded by the GLC until March 31st 1986, with a strong possibility of further funding. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer



## AFRO-ASIAN ADVISORY SERVICE

This project, based in Southwark, seeks a full-time worker of ethnic minority origin to deal with immigration and nationality case work.

Telephone 701 0141 for a job description and application form. Exempt under Section S(2)(d) of the Race Relations Act 1976. Salary on L.A. Scale 6 Closing date for applications: DEC.18th



# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

FEBRUARY 1986

NEWSLETTER

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

### Another Attack on the Voluntary Sector:

IF THIS BILL IS NOT STOPPED AND YOU ARE A CAMPAIGNING ORGANISATION FUNDED BY THE BOROUGH YOU HAVE UNTIL APRIL 1st..

It is getting difficult to believe and cope with the fact that there is another local Government Bill which is potentially very damaging to voluntary organisations. This one is particularly to stop organisations funded by the Local Authorities from publicising the effects of government policy.

### This is very briefly what the Bill says:

There are two important clauses which affect voluntary organisations and their funding under sec.137 and section 142 of the 1979 Local Government Act. (These are the sections of the Act under which Local Authorities can give out information and fund activities which they do not have powers to fund under other legislation.)

Clause 2 - quite clearly refers to voluntary bodies funded by Local Authorities as well as Local Authorities themselves. Voluntary organisations could not use local authority grants to publish material "designed to affect public support for... a body, cause or campaign identified with a like to be regarded as identified with a political party". This may now be amended to read "a body whose purpose is to promote a political party", since as it stood the clause would include almost every public activity any voluntary organisation carried out and a Government Minister's wife rather thought it might include the organisation she worked for. (This is the Coronary Heart Foundation.) It is not just radical campaigning organisations which will be affected.

The first part of Clause 3 narrows the use of section 142 that general powers to provide information are to be changed from "information as to local government matters affecting the area" or "information on matters relating to local government" to "information relating to the function of the local Authority."

The second part of Clause 3 narrows what a Local Authority can do under section 137 so that a Local Authority could only fund voluntary organisations' publicity which is incidental to the main purpose for which the assistance is given. This could prohibit the funding of campaigning groups whose main purpose is, for example, to gain a change in the law.

The Bill was put together after the Report from the Widdecombe Inquiry which was asked to look at Local Authority spending on publicity. (ie the GLC Anti-Abolition Campaign) The Widdecombe Inquiry did not reach the conclusion that legislation was required. It observed that certain reforms were needed but that these should not involve new restrictions. The Inquiry also drew particular attention to the "very considerable value in greater communication by local government." and "the health of local government depends much on the strength of its democratic base."

The Bill completely ignores the Widdecombe recommendations. The Inquiry failed to come up with what the Government wanted.

### What are some of the implications?

The National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO) which is pressing for amendments (?) held an emergency conference early in January about the Bill where many concerns were expressed. One very major concern is that not all the implications can be known. The Bill is so vaguely and broadly worked that it can only be put to the test through the Courts.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTI.....

- 1 Local Authorities may become very cautious about what organisations they fund in case they incur legal costs.
- 2 Campaign based, issue based organisations may not be able to operate at all or have their funding seriously restricted. Neither Advice Centres nor Local Authorities would be able to hold meetings or produce leaflets about the implications of changes in benefit law.
- 3 Organisations running drug abuse campaigns or pressing for motorways if the government was too would be in trouble.
4. Extremist political parties could use the law to stop all anti-racist activity. Local Authorities may be reluctant to fund some of the activities of black groups - many of whose aims are to campaign against immigration laws and campaign against racist political parties. It would be illegal if their publicity was felt to affect public support for or against a political part intentionally or unintentionally. The NF is a political party.

## What is happening now

- 1 Simon Hughes MP has tabled an amendment proposed by NCVO which allows Local Authorities to fund voluntary organisations for activities "which are not intended to influence directly the electoral process"
- 2 THE BILL IS ALREADY WELL THROUGH THE COMMONS AND IT GOES FOR ITS SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH/EARLY FEBRUARY.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE ROYAL ASSENT BY 1st APRIL - because PART 1 is about rates for 86/87

## WHAT TO DO

- 1 write urgently to your MP stating what the implications of this Bill will be for your organisation.
- 2 Write to the two members of the Lords who have links with Southwark and are known to be supportive to the voluntary sector.
  - a The Bishop of Southwark; The Right Reverend R O Bowlby, Bishops House 38 Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham SW16 1QZ
  - b Lord Silkin (formerly Sam Silkin MP for Dulwich) c/o House of Lords

The implications of this Bill are breathtaking. Really the whole Part 2 referring to publicity and Local Authorities should be taken out of the Bill. It is hard to know where to begin and there is little time to do anything.

The Bill attacks the fundamental right of voluntary organisations to speak out where Government policy affects their community and the people they serve. It is also another attack on the autonomy and decision making powers of Local Authorities and who they fund. "All voluntary organisations must be enabled to indulge in public debate no matter how controversial." NCVO

REMEMBER IF I HAD WRITTEN THIS AFTER APRIL 1st SOUTHWARK BOROUGH COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO COURT.

(With thanks to NCVO and local Government Information Unit for some of the material.)

## INFORMATION

### SOUTHWARK MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### Lunch in Peckham

Southwark Muslim Women's Association would like people from other voluntary organisations to visit them in their new premises on the 2nd floor of the old Bellenden School, Bellenden Rd.,

Their cookery group is active every day and over the lunch period Monday to Friday they sell food - no need to book - they would be pleased if you just drop in.

#### CATERING

Southwark Muslim Women's Association Cookery Club is also keen to undertake catering assignments for other voluntary organisations. So why not try Asian food for your AGM or next party? They need a week's notice for a big order. Tel No:- 732-8053.

#### TRANSLATION SERVICE

Into Asian languages? This can also be provided for by Southwark Muslim Women's Association. They will assist on a voluntary basis if necessary or at the proper rate for the job.

#### CLOTHES

Southwark Muslim Women's Association has a dressmaking group called "Eastern Touch". They enjoy making clothing which brings together Eastern and Western fashions and would welcome orders.



## WOMEN'S SIGNING ON CAMPAIGN

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##### WHY DO WE NEED A SIGNING-ON CAMPAIGN?

Women are generally the invisible unemployed. In 1984 the GLC estimated that there were 40,000 women in London looking for work, who were not registered as unemployed. Unless women sign on, they are not counted in the official unemployed figures, and there are many reasons why they do not sign on. Women often think if they are married or have children, they cannot sign on and get unemployment benefit. Also, the stigma and unfriendly atmosphere in the unemployment benefit offices can discourage women from signing on, even if they are eligible for unemployment benefit. The purpose of the Women's Signing-On Campaign is to inform women of their rights, to encourage women to claim them and to explain the workings of the benefit system.

##### WHAT DOES A SIGNING-CAMPAIGN DO?

The signing-on campaign is basically an advertising campaign. By leafletting on estates; visiting nurseries, women's groups, clinic; putting adverts in the press; using exhibitions, stalls at events etc.; women are told that they can sign on and could be eligible for unemployment benefit. The initial contact leaflets have slips to be filled in and returned. Based on the information women give on the slips, they can also be told whether they are able to get unemployment benefit. There are leaflets produced in Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Spanish and Turkish, and soon there will also be leaflets in Vietnamese, Cantonese and Greek which give women information about signing on.

For more information contact the Women's Signing-On Campaign, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, London SE5, or Southwark Women's Centre, 8 Peckham High Street, London SE15.

SCVS also has a stock of the various leaflets translated in to the languages mentioned above.

#### FRIDGE TO GIVE AWAY

Second-hand Indesit Fridge in good working order 5' high, and big capacity. Willing to give away to anyone who will collect.

Please contact SCVS for details.

## BITS 'N PIECES

### THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER IN SOUTHWARK

In 1973 the courts were given the power to sentence offenders by placing them on Community Service orders, doing unpaid work on socially useful projects supervised by the Probation Service. An Order can be made from 40 hours to 240 hours in length and contains sanctions for non-compliance through the initial consent of the defendant is required before it can be made.

The Southwark Community Service scheme is run by two probation officers and three supervisors, aided by sessional workers who are in charge of clients on site. Group placements currently operating are extensive redecoration of Cambridge House; repairing the equipment on adventure playgrounds; and in a home for the elderly, providing company and interest for residents. In addition, there are numerous individual placements where clients work their hours in conjunction with existing staff - for instance in youth clubs, adventure playgrounds and community groups.

If your organization or group could benefit from our services, please contact a member of the Community Service team covering Southwark, where further details can be provided and the implications of our involvement discussed.

Mrs. Miranda Beavis -  
Mr. Harold Mozley - Probation Officer.  
Ms. Gill Piper -  
Mr. Terry Ekland - Community Service  
Mr. Bob Parkin - Supervisors

Community Service Centre,  
34 Greenwich High Road,  
LONDON, SE10 8LF.

#### 1986 IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY YEAR

The London NATTA COMMUNITY ENERGY SERVICE specialises in doing energy surveys of community buildings. They can recommend ways of cutting down on fuel bills, and half the cost of the survey is refunded by the Department of Energy. They also operate co-ordinated borough-wide schemes for community buildings where the local authority reimburses you the other half of the bill.

To find out more about them contact:  
Simon Woodhead  
Community Energy Service  
London NATTA  
The Diorama, 14 Peto Place  
London NW1 4DT  
(Tel.No; 935 9183)

### NALGO

#### BRITISH GAS CORPORATION - ANTI PRIVATISATION CAMPAIGN

The Government has announced that British Gas Corporation is to be privatised the Summer of this year.

NALGO believes that this move would have a detrimental effect on the public and gas consumers alike. Nalgo therefore feels obliged to inform the public on the problems that may arise with de-nationalising the gas industry.

Gas if mishandled incorrectly can kill people, either by explosion or asphyxiation. If emergency services have to be paid for, gas consumers will be reluctant to report any gas leaks which might result in serious safety risks. Though at the moment The British Gas Corporation has a qualified team on hand, this may be replaced by less experienced private contractors, with no experienced on guaranteed safety regulations, undertaken by their staff.

Secondly, gas prices would rise dramatically after privatisation. With profits of £1,500 million being put into the "Government coffers" which after privatisation will have to be distributed amongst shareholders, how does the government intend to make up the deficit. The only option the Government have is to introduce a special gas tax to raise the money - hence a large price rise - or there will have to be a massive further reduction in public expenditure. If this latter option is taken by the Government, the poorer members of the community will no doubt suffer the most from serious hardships.

NALGO intends to campaign to help take the message across to the public making them desperately aware of the situation. But time is unfortunately running out. With only five months left to motivate opposition to such a fever pitch that the Government will have to take on a different point of view.

Volunteers are needed in helping to take the message across. To help out with publicity, public leafletting, etc

They are willing to speak to any individual group. Car stickers/Badges/Printed carriers bags are also available on hand to any member who feel they can help out in anyway possible.

Please contact:- Richard Purchase -  
Secretary District Gas Committee -  
NALGO - International House,  
78 Queen's Road,  
Brighton,  
BN1 3XE.



## JOBS

### HOUSING WORKER - LEWISHAM

Homeless Action is an organisation housing single homeless women in London. We wish to appoint a full-time worker to join our South London team. We want someone with experience of the Afro-Caribbean community and a knowledge of and commitment to Afro-Caribbean women's housing issues.

### HOMELESS ACTION

The worker will be part of a collective of 12 women and the worker will be involved in all aspects of managing our houses in Lewisham - interviewing residents, giving advice and practical support, collecting the weekly charge, rehousing. In addition the worker will also be expected to participate in two areas of work within the collective e.g. personnel, finance, campaigning.

To balance the present collective black, working class and lesbian women or women with disabilities are particularly invited to apply. At present because of fire regulations women with mobility difficulties may have problems. Further details will be provided with the application form.

We are looking for a worker living in or near Lewisham. Full driving licence essential. Salary \$01.

Please ring or write for further details and an application form.

**CLOSING DATE:** 3rd February '86. Interviews will be held on 7th & 11th February.

### NEW JOB CENTRE SITE - PECKHAM

A new Jobcentre will be based at 128 Rye Lane, Peckham and the old Employment office in Collyer Place will be closed down.

Please contact for permanent jobs on:- 732-3600. Temporary jobs 732-5241.

East Dulwich Community Nursery Association needs a cook for 4 hours a day 120 hours per week. To provide mid-day meals for staff and children and occasional visitors and to provide a variety of ethnic dishes. Salary £2.65 per hour.

For further details and an application form, please contact:- The workers at East Dulwich Community Nursery. Tel. No:- 737-6137.

**TYPING** - Take the bore out of chores by letting someone else do the typing for you...

Interested. If so please contact Barbara at SCVS on 732-3731. Reasonable rates .....

## COURSES/CONFER'S

Southwark Welfare Rights Training Courses

**WELFARE BENEFITS** - Basic Course  
February 5th & 6th Two day course

**BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
February 13th One day course

**BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE ON LOW PAY**  
February 27th One day course

**IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY**  
March 3rd One day course

**WELFARE BENEFITS** - Basic Course  
March 18th & 19th Two day course

**\*NEW\* REFRESHER COURSE**  
March 26th One day course  
(for people who've done basic course)

**TACKLING FUEL DEBTS**  
April 2nd One day course

To book the above courses please contact: Southwark Welfare Rights Information Service, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE15 Tel.No: 01 703 6311.

NCVO Management Course:

**MAKING MEETINGS WORK**

March 18th All day

This course covers preparation for meetings; using appropriate structures and procedures; making effective contributions etc.

For further details and booking form from: Management Development Unit, NCVO 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU Tel.No: 01 636 4066

**USE OF RIVER RECALL CONFERENCE** -  
Monday 17th February 1986 - 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. (ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, SOUTH BANK, SE1)

The conference will be in two sessions. The morning session will be to discuss 'Administration of the River' and in the afternoon the 'Future Development of the River'. Speakers will be from the Port of London Authority, Thames Water Authority, GLC, Transport & General Workers' Union, Passenger Boat Services, Association of Master Lightermen and the London Wharfingers Association.

Please write to:- GLC Docklands Team, Room 5, County Hall, SE1 7PB. Creche facilities will be available at the Conference.

### IT'S OUR RIGHT

Conference on the problems of ethnic minorities in Social Security

Friday, 7th February 9.30 - 4.30  
FRIEND'S HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD, NW1

To register for this conference and for further information please ring 01 630 5785 or 834 1313 Ext 292. Organised by the Welfare Benefits Project, GLC, Orury House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1SA.

## WOMEN COMMUNITY WORKERS

The next informal meeting is at 12.00 Wednesday 19th February at Pitt Street Settlement. Bring your lunch. All women working with community groups are welcome.

### 'THE SPIKE'

**Camberwell Resettlement Unit**, Gordon Rd SE15. - At present a feasibility study to look at possible future use of this site is being undertaken by the Planning Department.

There will be a meeting for groups which are interested in becoming part of a working party to look at future use.

This is on Thursday 13th February at 7.30 at Cossall Tenants Hall, Cossall Estate, SE15 (off Gordon Road).

For any further enquiries phone Geoff Armstrong - 703-6311 X 2099.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A Councillor (and I expect others will) has pulled us up sharp for using the wording "The Disabled" on our sheet advertising the Equal Opportunities Working Party to be held on 28th January. We should of course always refer to people with disabilities. We apologise. We will be trying to put together a draft equal opportunities policy for people with disabilities at this meeting.

If you would like copies of the draft paper please phone SCVS - 732-3731.

## WARNING

### WARNING ABOUT PHOTOCOPIER LEASING FIRM

We have some information about a photocopy/leasing firm recently operating under the name 'Viewway Limited'. The firm, which gives its address as Century House, Ashley Road, Hale, Cheshire offers rent-free photocopiers to non-profit making organisations, for an initial £50 consultancy fee and 3p per copy.

A local association accordingly sent £50 to Viewway, but no photocopier has yet arrived, although the cheque was cashed. The telephone number given - 061 236 3703 - has recently been disconnected and the Association has been unable to trace the two men connected with the firm - a Mr P Hetherington and a Mr Derby.

All organisations are advised not to send money to firms offering free photocopier leasing without making prior investigations.

For more information contact, Richard Darn, Barnsley CVS, 13 Victoria Road, Barnsley, South Yorkshire - Barnsley 42726.



## NEWSLETTER INSERT

Telephone: 01-732 3731

## MARKS &amp; SPENCER - FREE CARPET OFFER

Marks & Spencer are giving away 100,000 square yards of carpets to voluntary organisations. The carpet will be available from the ending of January '86 to voluntary groups throughout the country.

Listed below are details on obtaining this special offer:-

**Contact** - Mrs L Barnett, Marks & Spencer plc, Room 400, 27 Baker Street, London, W1A 1ON. Tel No:- 01-935-4422 X 6101. Requests should be headed "Requests for Charity Carpet".

CVS' should co-ordinate their local requests, and forward them en bloc. Marks & Spencer cannot cope with individual phone calls about each organisation.

The carpet will normally be second-hand, and will usually be brown.

Marks & Spencer can normally arrange to have the carpet cut to the size requested by the voluntary group, and delivered free of charge to the address requested. Voluntary groups need to specify the size needed, where the carpet is to be delivered to, when it is needed, and when someone could be available to receive it. M & S hope to be able to cut to size and deliver free. No fitting and underfelt can be supplied though flooring contractors usually help by providing this at reduced rates for charities.

## CLUB OF DANCE AND SELF DEFENCE

**DRAMA DEPARTMENT. JOIN NOW! JOIN IN NUMBERS.** MONDAYS & THURSDAYS. Drama chorus and group workers shop at the CDDO. No experience needed and no tuition fee. Our address is PARAGON SCHOOL SEARLES ROAD, SOUTHWARK, LONDON. SE1 4YU. Tel. No. 01 703 3360. **NOTE HOW TO REACH US: TUBE: ELEPHANT & CASTLE. BUSES: Nos 1,53,63,177 and 141 and get off two stops from the Elephant & Castle.**

## LONDON WEIGHTING AND FRINGE AREA ALLOWANCES

New London Weighting and fringe area allowances have been increased. This increase, agreed in December, is to take effect from 1st July 1985 as follows:

|                 | Existing Allowance | Revised Allowance |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Inner London    | £                  | £                 |
| up to age 18    | 624                | 660               |
| age 18 and over | 1248               | 1317              |
| Outer London    |                    |                   |
| up to age 18    | 330                | 348               |
| age 18 and over | 657                | 693               |

## AGE CONCERN - SOUTHWARK

Please take note that Age Concern - Southwark administrative team has moved to new premises based at 160, Peckham Rye, LONDON, SE22. Tel No:- 693-2118. The Peckham Road office based at:- 33 Peckham Road, LONDON, SE5 8UH, will be open during the following hours to the public:-

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

N.B. House Insurances will be taken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Bermondsey team have now moved from the Health Centre and are based at:- 188 Jamaica Road, LONDON, SE16. The telephone number remains the same at 231-2286.

## AGE CONCERN/FAMILY FORUM

## RESOURCE PACK

Services for the Care of the Elderly and Handicapped People

Few families who have handicapped members, including elderly handicapped members, know about the range of services available, and professionals may be unaware of the gaps in service provision and the local provision.

Packs available from Family Forum, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, London SE5. Tel. No: 703 6413

## CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Mobile Education Project, at 67 Chandos Street, Leicester LE2 1BU Tel.No: Leicester 550231 have produced a very useful poster calendar which gives the dates for all the religious festivals in 1986. Copies are available for 25 pence each plus postage costs.

## MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS

As you may know, there are within the National Health Service 'consumer watchdogs' called Community Health Councils. It is their job to represent the interests of their local communities to those responsible for managing local health services.

A number of places on these Councils are reserved for voluntary organisations and are filled by election every two years. Elections fall due this year and will be held during May. The Regional Health Authority is responsible for maintaining the list of participating voluntary organisations.

Could organisations who have not been involved in the past get in touch with the Assistant General Administrator, Adrian Pollit at the South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Tel: 0424 222555, if you wish to participate this year.

## COURSES

## DRUG MISUSE - A PROGRAMME OF PREVENTION

## GETTING DRUGS IN PERSPECTIVE

Tuesday, 18th February 12 - 2.

Lee Health Centre, 2 Handen Road SE12

Friday 21st February 12 - 2

Waldron Health Centre, Stanley Street SE8

## DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday, 25th February 1.30 - 4.30

Nurses' Lecture Room, New Cross Hospital, Avonley Road, SE14

## DRUG MISUSE - A PROGRAMME OF PREVENTION

A three day course with guest speakers and workshops.

Fridays - March 7th, 14th, 21st 9.30 - 4.30

## GETTING DRUGS IN PERSPECTIVE -

## A SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

No details yet, please phone if you are interested.

The above courses have been organised by the Health Education Drug Support Group. Unless otherwise stated all sessions are multi-disciplinary and for staff in both statutory and non-statutory agencies.

For further details and booking form please contact: Mrs Brenda Reid at the Health Education Drug Support Group, Health Education Service, South Wing, Nurses' Home, Lewisham Hospital, High Street, London, SE 13. Tel.No: 690 4311 Ext. 62901

## THE BOROUGH INITIATIVE FUND

This is a new arts development scheme presently being operated in Southwark by the Greater London Arts Association & Southwark Council.

Some groups and events have already received funding for 1986. If you are interested in knowing more about the Fund please contact: Vaughan Aston, (Arts Officer) at Southwark Entertainments, 28 Peckham Road, SE5. Tel: 703 6311 Ext. 2330.

## ROCKINGHAM ESTATE PLAY ASSOCIATION

10 PAVAN HOUSE ROCKINGHAM ESTATE ELEPHANT AND CASTLE LONDON SE11 4TD 01-409 6027

Calling all Womens Groups. Are you looking for premises to hold your weekly/monthly meetings.

With creche facilities, equip kitchen etc.

Interested?

Then ring 403-6627 and ask for Debbie









Southwark

Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

March  
1986

## SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

This is the fourth edition of our quarterly feature, reporting on matters of particular interest to Southwark's Black and Ethnic Community, an including contributions from these community groups. SCVS welcomes any information and/or views from the local community which they would like to publish in the newsletter. This is especially so for this Special Edition, which really needs your contributions if it is going to be of any value. The copy date for the next Special Edition is 16th May (put it in your diary now). The copy date for the April Newsletter is March 17th.

### THE WHITE PROBLEM

We workers are fed up with dancing to an ill-played tune. Black workers are constantly asked to compromise to unrealistic white demands.

**\* Tokenism.** We demand that tokenism in employment be rejected. Such window dressing must be recognised as a means of colluding and reinforcing the structures of institutionalised racism. How many times have you heard from the lips of statutory and voluntary groups alike 'We do employ blacks ... but there are problems.'? Surely white organisations should help solve the problems not help to create them by shifting the blame! The dangers of legitimising tokenism are ever present through cosmetic equal opportunity policies.

**\* Oracle.** It has been the experience of many a black worker that their opinion is only accepted if it is seen as a 'black perspective'; by implication, they are marginalised. They are not recognised as equal workers with equal worth and weaknesses. They are perceived as the fount of a peculiar wisdom, a source to eke from the worker the reasoning of a hidden black psyche. How often have they heard it said, 'What do you as a black worker feel (not think) about...'. Why should a black worker take on the added role of consultant/teacher in addition to their job brief?

**\* Race Industry.** Every worker must recognise that racial awareness courses do not set white workers on an automatic reverse. Nor is it a reverent purging to set them free of their bias. It is only one step in the right direction, it increases their responsibility to rid themselves and their colleagues of

their problem. Otherwise they consciously pursue a subtle form of racism practiced equally to very black worker. We need genuine support.

**\* Equal Opportunity.** Policies that address themselves to white discrimination should recognise that it is a means of redressing a shameful imbalance. Historically blacks have been barred from areas of employment at various levels. Many are indeed qualified and have the experience, but suffer the weighty machinery, and experience the power of containment, of racial discrimination.

An employing body has an obligation to equal opportunities. We as black workers are not prepared to be the beads of a new ethnicity to a white organisation eg. for the purposes of new sources of funding. There, question the concept of the ethnic minority. It implies a sub-culture - the racism of re-inforcing subordination, not co-operation.

Equal rights means an equal share in the cake however large or small. It means respecting the individual as well as respective racial groups.

We too pay taxes, but where are our returns.

Bermondsey Black Workers Group



Seeing life  
through the bottom  
of a glass?



### BLACK WOMEN AND ALCOHOL

Alcohol dependency is a growing problem in today's society. Young and old, men and women are turning to drink in increasing numbers, both socially and for social reasons. A recent report produced by 'Which' magazine states that: over the last twenty years wine consumption has risen by 240%, spirits by 95% and beer by 22%. Hidden behind these worrying figures is the destructive effect alcohol abuse can have on people's lives in every way. While the needs of white male drinkers has been well documented and a range of provisions in the form of hostels, crisis centres, and groups have been made available, the needs of the black community has by and large been ignored. However in many Afro-Caribbean families the drinking of alcohol has become a part of our daily routine, so what is a safe level of alcohol intake and what constitutes a drinking problem.

It is generally accepted that women should not drink more than 13 units (or standard measures) of alcohol per week (and men no more than 20 units). The chart at the end of this article shows the units of alcohol in some popular drinks. Any woman drinking more than 3 cans of say, Special Brew or Tennents lager is in danger of damaging her health. Drinking alcohol when pregnant is especially dangerous as it can cause deformities in the fetus, and miscarriages.

Drinking dangerously high levels of alcohol for long periods of time, or in regular short binges can eventually lead to problems. Alcohol is an addictive drug which many people can develop both physical and/or psychological dependencies on. A psychological dep-



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endence is where no physical withdrawal symptoms such as sweating excessively at night, withdrawal fits, hallucinations or morning drinking are present., but alcohol is still craved, perhaps in order to cope with life. Anyone experiencing the above systems in relation to drinking alcohol could well be physically dependent and should seek medical help.

Most women who have problems with alcohol do not fit into the popular stereotyped image of an alcoholic. The strong social taboo against women getting drunk means that many women become secret drinkers, isolated and afraid of seeking help. Women also have different drinking patterns to men and often turn to alcohol as a result of problems connected with the family. Peckham Black Women's Group and the Alcohol Counselling Service have just completed a pilot study of drinking patterns amongst black women, which shows that there is a greater need for greater understanding of black women drinking and that there are black women experiencing problems with alcohol.

If you are a black women who is worried about your drinking, or want to find out more about alcohol, please contact Peckham Black Womens Group on 701 2651.

## Beverage Strengths Chart

### Beers:

½ pint ordinary strength beer/lager (Skol etc.) 1 unit

1 can ordinary strength beer/lager 1½ units

½ pint extra strength beer/lager (Tennents SB) 2½ units

1 can extra strength beer/lager 4 units

### Spirits:

1 standard single measure 1 unit

1 bottle 28 units

### Table Wine:

1 standard glass 1 unit

1 bottle 7 units

1 litre bottle 10 units

### Sherry & Fortified wine:

1 standard small measure 1 unit

1 bottle 14 units

Peckham Black Women's Group  
presents

## A BLACK WOMEN'S CABARET EVENING

For International Women's Day  
on Sunday March 9th, 1986

- with Sistahs in Song — a Black Women's acapella singing group
- What's Cooking — a women's jazz combo quartet
- Munirah — performing full length production of their play 'On the Inside'.
- and Black women's poetry reading ...

at Oval House, 52 Kennington Oval, London SE11  
Wheelchair accessible. (nearest tube: Oval)

Doors open 7pm, show 7.30pm — 11pm  
Tickets: £3 (waged) £2 (unwaged, students, UB40's, £1 OAP's and under-16's.)

Exhibition of women's postcards, a bookstall, refreshments, creche available.

Telephone Peckham Black Women's Group  
for more details on 701 2651.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME.

## INFORMATION & SERVICES

### ASSOCIATION OF LONDON BLACK ARTISTS

An Association of London Black Artists is in the process of being formed. A steering group has been set up to look into the organisational needs of the association, to formulate ideas and strategies for the association's future short term and long term programmes and to report back to a public meeting in November. For more information, contact: Kwesi Owusu on 01 240 9580.

(taken from Black Arts in London,  
October 16 - '31 1985)



### FREE - SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS SERVICE

The Welfare Rights Support Team is a London-wide organisation, comprising a Welfare Rights training team and a Social Security representation unit.

The representation unit is equipped to represent claimants at a whole range of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and, resources permitting, will accept referrals of any cases where there are reasonable grounds for appeal.

We would particularly welcome referrals from independent voluntary organisations in the Inner London area.

If you wish to make use of our service, or would like more information you are welcome to contact:

Jacki Trimmer on 253 6063. Please call between 10 - 1 if possible.



### WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS - NEW LEAFLETS

In our December/January newsletter we printed the news that the above project had just completed a survey researching information about contraception, abortion and sterilisation facilities in each of the 31 London Health Authorities.

SCVS now has leaflet covering the Camberwell Health Authority area English, Urdu and Bengali. So far the only language available for the Lewisham and North Southwark area so far Bengali, but other leaflets are their way.

If you want leaflets please contact Sue Clarke or Veronica Ward at SCVS.

# PUBLICATIONS



## MATERNITY RIGHTS HANDBOOK

This practical guide brings together information on choices in health care, community services and facilities and describes the legal and financial rights and entitlements of pregnant women and parents at home and at work. It is designed as a reference book and is divided into chapters concerned with broad areas such as health care in pregnancy and childbirth, rights at work and family law. The final chapter deals with planning for pregnancy and fertility problems. A comprehensive index is included.

From: Bookshops or The Maternity Alliance, 59 - 61 Camden High Street, London NW1 7JL

Price: £5.35



## A COMPLETE GUIDE TO SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA

One in ten Afro-Caribbean people are carriers of sickle cell anaemia and one in four hundred actually have the disease. There are no standard diagnosis and treatment facilities within the NHS and many people may not know they are carriers. This guide includes general information about the disease and its history; teaching aids; a list of available speakers on the subject; addresses of information and counselling centres; a reading list and 12 fact sheets in large type for use in talks and meetings. Simply designed, it is an ideal tool for speakers, group leaders and health education workers.

From: Pensioners Link, 17 Balfe Street London, N1 9EB

Price: £1.60

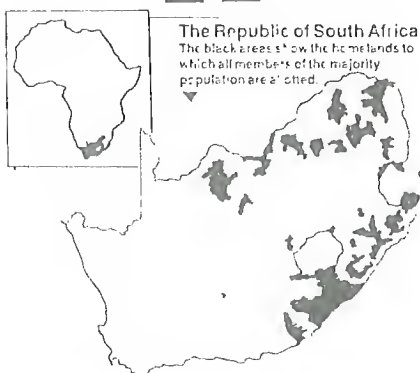
## CHANGING THE WORLD: A LONDON CHARTER FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

It is estimated that ten per cent of Londoners are either lesbian or gay and many more are bi-sexual. Most are still terrified of openly admitting their sexual preferences. This charter attempts to lay down a series of guidelines and rights for London's gay, lesbian and bi-sexual communities and is designed to promote constructive discussion. It identifies areas of discrimination, harassment and prejudice and makes practical proposals for improvement.

From: The Bookshop, GLC, County Hall London, SE1

Price: Free

\* also from the GLC a free draft guide written and produced by the Women's Committee Support Unit, HETEROSEXISM - A Guide for groups in the voluntary sector on how to challenge heterosexism

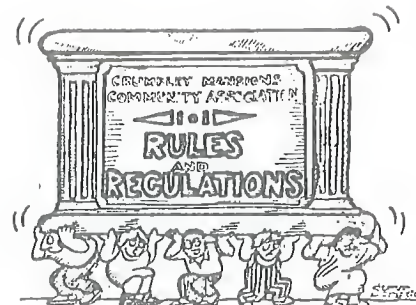


## PULLING OUT FROM APARTHEID: A GUIDE FOR ACTION

As the situation in Southern Africa deteriorates this guide states the arguments for economic disinvestment and suggests practical action to achieve that end. Britain remains the major underwriter of apartheid, the world's most notorious political system. This guide provides up to date information on the situation in Southern Africa and names the British companies and banks that provide the money and materials to sustain the apartheid regime. This guide suggests that we don't have to be stock-brokers or merchant-bankers to be able to change that pattern of collusion and outlines immediate action that all of us can take - whether as trade unionists, rate payers or consumers - to begin to break the links between this country and racist South Africa.

From: Tower Hamlets International Solidarity, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2

Price: £1.50 + 30p p & p



## VOLUNTARY BUT NOT AMATEUR

This book comprises eight chapters covering employer's and organisation's responsibilities; finding and running premises; fundraising; keeping accounts public activities; new technology and winding up an organisation. Each chapter includes a comprehensive bibliography and address list. Within the above area are included topics such as legal structures; constitutions; employees' rights; health and safety; raising money from statutory sources, trusts and industry; writing applications; running meetings and organising festivals. The final chapter, on facing closure, considers the different ways of winding up an organisation; the distribution of assets and redundancy procedures. This attractively illustrated book should prove essential for all groups, whether in the planning stage or well-established.

From: Information Service LVSC, 68 Chalton Street London NW1 1JR

Price: £5.00

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

This guide has been produced by the Neighbourhood Care Action Programme for people working in the neighbourhood. Written after a series of discussions with neighbourhood care workers, good neighbourhood scheme organisers, community group leaders and social workers to name a few, the book sets out guidelines for the setting up, maintaining and evaluating of neighbourhood care schemes. It gives policy and practice on: the type of neighbourhood care scheme to adopt; assessing local needs; getting people interested; management and committee structures; finance, legal and insurance matters; and evaluating the work of the scheme. This guide will not only be useful to new groups but also to established schemes wanting to look at the issues of maintenance and growth.

From: Neighbourhood Care Action Programme, 14 Bloomsbury Square London WC1.

Price: £3.00



# EVENTS



## MEETING WHOSE NEEDS? CONFERENCE

Towards Anti-racist Service Provision  
by London Voluntary Organisations

For several years white dominated voluntary groups in London have said they are trying to be anti-racist. Where have we got to? There has been some movement on equal opportunity employment practices, but what about our services? Whose needs are we really meeting? This conference will be an opportunity for staff, volunteers and committee members of white dominated voluntary groups to share experiences and develop new initiatives.

Speakers should include Paul Boateng - Vice Chair, GLC Ethnic Minorities Committee and Usha Prashar - Research Fellow, Policy Studies Institute and ex-Director of the Runnymede Trust.

The Conference is being organised by the Anti-Racist Forum of Voluntary Organisations in London.

**DATE:** Saturday 8th March 1986

**TIME:** 9.45am - 5.00pm

**PLACE:** London New Technology Network  
86-100 St Pancras Way  
London NW1

**FEE:** No charge. Lunch provided. Wheel chair access with prior notice. Creche.

**DETAILS:** For booking contact Madeleine Bowman, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1. Tel: 388 0241



## WRITERS WORKSHOP



As poetry, plays and other creative performance writing becomes more and more popular in this Caribbean Year, the Willowbrook Centre in Peckham will host a Writers Workshop which will be chaired by poet Lynford French.

You are invited to participate, whether as a reader, writer or critic. All are welcome.

**DATE:** Workshops start on Thursday, 6th March

**TIME:** 7.00pm

**PLACE:** Willowbrook Urban Studies Centre  
4B Willowbrook Road, London SE15

**DETAILS:** For further information please contact David Davies at the Willowbrook Centre. Tel: 732 8856.



## BOOK FAIR - 6th - 8th MARCH



The Fifth International Book Fair of Radical Black and Third World Books is being held at Camden Centre, Bedford Square, London WC1. For information telephone: 772 4889, 737 2268 or 579 4920.

(taken from Black Arts in London  
January 1986)



## SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PROJECT

There is going to be an open meeting for those people interested in launching the Southwark Community Association Project (S.C.A.P.).

The meeting will set up a new management committee and constitution and will also discuss possible uses for the premises at 69 Peckham High Street, including proposals for a resource centre a hall for social activities, conferences and meetings and a study area. All interested in getting involved in this project are welcome. The meeting is being held on:

**THURSDAY, 6th MARCH 1986**

at 7.30pm

**THOMAS CALTON SCHOOL, ADDIS ROAD, SE15**



# JOBS



## BELLS GARDENS YOUTH CLUB

We are looking for another part-time youth worker to join the existing team of four workers at the Youth Club.

The Club is actively promoting the ILEA's equal opportunities policy in the staff it employs and in the work undertaken with young people.

We are looking for someone who is experienced in working with black young people, particularly young women, to work in our unemployment project.

The applicant should have the ability, to initiate and develop creative activities, to work as part of a team, to explore training opportunities for young unemployed people and to liaise with other agencies.

For further information and application form telephone: Pat Campbell or Len Bass on: 732 7191

## BLACK EXPERIENCE ARTS PROGRAMME

The GLC Race Equality Unit presents a London-wide black arts programme reflecting historical and contemporary black experience through a variety of art forms: exhibitions, performances, seminars, in music, dance, theatre, photography & visual arts. The Black Experience consists of a programme of events each of which will form part of one of the five themes. The themes of the programme are: Forces & Figures, Resistance to Rebellion, Impact & Influences, Race & Labour History and Contemporary Initiatives.

| Project                                                     | Organisation                                                   | Contact No.          | Date                                       | Venue                                                      | Venue No.      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| ● Forces and Figures                                        |                                                                |                      |                                            |                                                            |                |
| Focus on CLR James Exhibition                               | Creation for Liberation (CFL)                                  | 737 2268             | 18 February – 15 March                     | Riverside                                                  | 748 3354       |
| The Black Jacobins Play                                     | Talawa Theatre Company                                         | 741 2251 x 41        | 21 February – 15 March                     | Riverside                                                  | 748 3354       |
| The Life and Works of Rajani Palme Dutt Exhibition          | Pervaiz Nazir and Nasser Aslam                                 | 633 1671<br>633 2611 | to be confirmed                            |                                                            |                |
| ● Resistance to Rebellion                                   |                                                                |                      |                                            |                                                            |                |
| From Resistance to Rebellion – Exhibition                   | Institute of Race Relations (IRR)                              | 837 0041             | 17 April – 16 May                          | Cockpit Gallery                                            | 405 5334       |
| Aurat Shakti – Exhibition                                   | Manjula Mukerjee, Vibha Osbon, Amina Patel and Mumtaz Karimjee | 377 9937<br>377 0040 | 3-26 March                                 | Cockpit Gallery                                            | 405 5334       |
| Reflections of the Black Experience Photographic Exhibition | Monika Baker Race Equality Unit (REU)                          | 633 2664             | 1-28 March                                 | Brixton Art Gallery                                        | 733 7757       |
| Signs of Resistance Mural Tape-Slide Exhibition*            | Graham De Smidt and Gavin Jantjes                              | 981 3408             |                                            |                                                            |                |
| ● Race and Labour History                                   |                                                                |                      |                                            |                                                            |                |
| Caribbean Labour in Revolt – Exhibition                     | Cecil Gutzmore and Lance Watson                                | 636 1500 x 570       | 24 February – 7 March                      | Institute of Education                                     | 636 1500 x 570 |
| Oral History Project Audio Visual Exhibition                | Black Cultural Archives (BCA)                                  | 274 7770 x 34        | 24 March – 7 April                         | Brixton Recreation Centre                                  | 274 7700       |
| Forces and Figures in Asian History Exhibition              | Southall Afro-Caribbean Asian Arts Collective (SAAAC)          | 843 9281             | 21-28 March                                | Featherstone High School Southall                          | 574 2311       |
| ● Impact and Influences                                     |                                                                |                      |                                            |                                                            |                |
| From Coffee Beans to Disinfectant Dance Programme           | Battimanze Dance Company                                       | 482 1509/10          | 20-21 March                                | Roundhouse                                                 | 482 1509/10    |
|                                                             |                                                                |                      | Further dates and venues to be confirmed   |                                                            |                |
| From Generation to Generation Exhibition                    | The Black Art Gallery                                          | 263 1918             | 11 February – 4 March                      | Brixton Recreation Centre                                  | 274 7774       |
| Business Behind Performance – Black Music Fair              | REU                                                            | 633 7227             | 21-23 March                                | Brixton Recreation Centre                                  | 274 7774       |
| ● Contemporary Initiatives                                  |                                                                |                      |                                            |                                                            |                |
| Invisible Man and Jazz Variation – Plays                    | Afro-Sax Theatre Company                                       | 286 4862<br>821 0979 | to be confirmed                            |                                                            |                |
| Film Script Competition                                     | Prabhu Gupta REU                                               | 633 1671             | competition in progress, results mid March |                                                            |                |
| Struggles for Black Community Film Programme                | Association of Black Workshops (ABW)                           | 254 9527<br>254 9536 | 28 February – 6 March                      | Metro Cinema                                               | 437 0757       |
| The Remnant – Play                                          | Double Edge Theatre Company                                    | 482 1287             | 2-6 April<br>9-13<br>17-19<br>24-26        | Battersea Arts Interchange<br>Yaa Asantewa Theatre Technis | 223 6557       |
| Experience of Black Visual Artists Seminars                 | Black Visual Artists Forum (REU)                               | 633 1622             | to be confirmed                            |                                                            |                |

\* will accompany other events within the Black Experience Arts programme

If you would like more information (leaflets, brochures and posters) about the Black Experience Arts programme please contact the Race Equality Unit, GLC, Room 674, County Hall, London SE1 7PB or phone 01-633 1671/2611





# SCVS

Southwark Council for Voluntary Services

# MARCH 1986

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## NEWSLETTER INSERT

### GLC GROUPS RECEIVE FUNDING FROM SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

The campaign mounted by GLC funded groups and ACTSS union over the last few months culminated in a big lobby of the LBS Southwark Labour Group together with an impressive exhibition of the group's work on Wednesday 19th February.

The groups called upon the Council to give a commitment to fund all groups without exception, before the need for management committees to issue their workers with redundancy notices. The campaign has proved to be extremely successful as the policy (GLC) Subcommittee finally agreed at their meeting on 20th February to fund all groups for one year, during which time an assessment of the groups will be carried out. This commitment is subject to the Council continuing to press for funding from other sources eg. the GLCs forward funding scheme. There is however, still some concern over salary gradings where there exist inequalities between GLC funded and LBS funded workers. It is hoped that the Council will be writing to every group as soon as possible with a clear statement of the intention to continue their funding, and that the Council will work closely with ACTSS and groups concerned in sorting out the appropriate salary gradings per worker.

### MARCH DIARY

- MARCH 4th Voluntary Workers Bureau Inaugural Meeting 2 - 4. Cambridge House
- MARCH 5th SCVS Executive Meeting 6.00. at SCVS.
- MARCH 6th MEETING WHOSE NEEDS Conference organised by The Anti-Racist Forum of Voluntary Groups in London 9.45 - 5.00. London New Technology Network, St Pancras Way
- MARCH 10th Voluntary Sector Equal Opportunities Working Party 2.30 at Consortium
- MARCH 13th ACTSS Branch Executive Meeting 3.00 at SCVS
- MARCH 25th Southwark Anti-Deportation Campaign (SADCAMP) 6.30 at SCVS
- MARCH 26th Housing Interest Group 6.30 at SCVS
- MARCH 27th Full ACTSS Branch Meeting 12.30 at Consortium

### MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

THE NEXT VOLUNTARY SECTOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKING PARTY IS ON:

**TUESDAY 10th March at 2.30 at CONSORTIUM**

PLEASE COME ALONG

We will be talking about equal opportunities and people with disabilities and will be finalising draft guidelines for voluntary organisations. We will also be discussing plans for a disability awareness work-shop planned for the second half of May. Watch the Newsletter for more details.

If your organisation would like a draft of the proposed guidelines on equal opportunities and people with disabilities before the meeting, please telephone Veronica Ward at SCVS.

### BERMONDSEY WOMEN'S CENTRE CAMPAIGN

For the past three months a group of women have been meeting to discuss the need for a Women's Centre in Bermondsey.

We have found three empty shops next to Tesco's in Southwark Park Road that could make an ideal centre.

The planning committee of Southwark Council are aware of our plans, and the Women's committee are funding a feasibility study on the shops by Matrix, a collective of feminist architects. We have also prepared a survey in order to involve as many local women as possible in the planning of the centre.

What we need now is more widespread involvement so that the centre becomes a place for all women in Bermondsey.

The group have been meeting on Sunday afternoons but the next meeting will be an evening one. Transport can be provided and a creche is supplied. For those women who cannot get out in the evenings, there will be other meetings in the afternoon.

Please come along to our next meeting:

**TUESDAY 11th MARCH  
7 - 9pm  
at**

**THE ADVICE CENTRE IN THE BLUE  
190 Southwark Park Road  
London SE16**

### DOCKLANDS FORUM

Docklands Forum are organising a conference to discuss the impact of huge office development in London's Docklands. Topics covered will include the impact on the community, jobs, transport, planning, property and banking. There will be discussion with the panel.

Please come along to the:

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**CANARY WHARF CONFERENCE**  
Plus live theatre!

**DATE:** Wednesday 19th March  
**TIME:** 10.00am - 4.30pm  
**PLACE:** Queen Mary College Students Union  
Bancroft Road, Mile End  
London E3

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**DETAILS:** Creche available. Entrance free. For booking and further details please contact: John Lock, Docklands Forum, Brady Centre, 192 Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU. Tel: 377 1822

**JOBS**  
SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S BUS

We need a **PART-TIME WORKER** (17½ hrs) Must have a clean driving licence and enthusiasm. All women over 40 positively encouraged to apply.

For further details telephone: Southwark Women's Centre 701 2564.

The post is GLC funded. Closing date: 10th March 1986





# A FEW HINTS ON HOW TO APPROACH TRUSTS

Two staff members at SCVS recently went to a meeting run by the Charities Aid Foundation on how to raise money from Trusts. Many organisations will already be aware of the limitations there are in raising money in this way - having to have a specific project, the amount of time wasted writing to trusts that do not fund what you need, etc.

What came across in the meeting was the essential conservatism of many trusts. One speaker agreed that some had 'Daily Telegraph' attitudes. It would be fair to say that the impression was given that Trusts seem firmly rooted in a middle class value system with the sense of patronising those groups that did not fall into a known 'acceptable' establishment slot.

The Editor of the Directory of Grant Making Trusts gave a few hints about using the book. She especially recommended using the green pages which tell you what sort of groups certain Trusts have funded previously. The book has to be used very carefully and ideally it is better to get advice before writing possibly hundreds of letters in case a handful produce some money. Many Trusts only fund very particular sorts of projects and do not seem to like being written to randomly. If there is a telephone number given in the 'Directory of Grant Making Trusts' or other lists always telephone first to check whether the Trust in question is likely to be interested in your project.

Please note: we have an up to date copy of the Directory at SCVS which groups can come in and look at.

Another speaker gave the meeting some basic hints on making applications to Trusts.

1. It is necessary to do the homework on exactly what your organisation wants the Trust to fund.
  - the Trust will want to know what the organisation is set up to do.
  - the Trust will want to know exactly what the money is needed for. Trusts do not like general appeals (eg. for running costs).
  - telephone first if you can. Do not too much information unless definite interest is shown.
2. Write a letter of not more than two sides of A4 outlining the project and what the money is wanted for. Put the request in the first paragraph and then continue with the details.
3. Trusts want to know what status your organisation has (this is where it becomes difficult). We were told it was better to have proper headed notepaper with the name of someone known/ respectable etc. on the top. It seems to many Trusts to be important to them that you look 'safe' in their terms i.e. can claim some support from or links with some established body.

4. Trusts want to be assured that the financial basis of the organisation is secure. Send them a budget and your latest set of audited accounts.
5. If you are asking for money towards a building or a conversion, it is important to have got planning permission first. They will want a request which includes a statement that planning permission has been given.
6. Quite often Trusts will agree to help but may expect matching funding from elsewhere before they hand over the money. This may be through fund raising events or other fundraising from Trusts.
7. The Trust will want to know what organisations have done themselves to raise money.
8. Be very clear whether the money asked for is for capital or on-going costs. Trusts do not like paying salaries because they think then commitment may be long term, which they do not like (some Trusts do not seem to favour paid staff in voluntary organisations anyway).
9. Trusts do not like professional fund raisers. We were told they like to see real people.

Some Trusts are much more flexible others and do not worry about having the right names on the notepaper. Not all trusts require that organisations have charitable status.

One Trust that is flexible and interested in funding projects in inner city areas is the Royal Jubilee Trusts.

The three Jubilee Trusts were set up to help young people. The King Georges Jubilee Trust is stated as welcoming applications 'concerned with the needs of ethnic minorities, of young people on housing estates and the young unemployed as well as those projects which offer young people chances to take part in the arts and in outdoor activities.'

The amount of activities that are funded are enormously varied but specifically youth organisations seem to be benefiting most. No grants are made above £10,000 and most of the grants made have been under £1,000. If you would like to know whether your project might be eligible contact the Trusts' London South Regional Officer:

Chris Tuttle  
South West London Probation Service  
19-23, High Street,  
Kingston-upon-Thames  
Surrey KT1 1LG  
Tel. No: 546-0018  
or ask Veronica Ward or Liz Dunn at SCVS for more information.

Another interesting Trust, not in the Directory is the Sir John Cass Foundation, which is for young people under 25. Grants can be given for the following:

- a. Grants to enable children and young people to attend courses at any School or College, University or other place of learning approved by the Governors.
- b. Support for young people entering a profession, with particular emphasis on those seeking ordination in the Church of England.
- c. Assistance for those proposing to follow a trade, particularly by the purchase of clothing, books, tools etc.
- d. Help for those pursuing their education abroad or studying music or other arts.
- e. Assistance to Church of England voluntary organisations engaged or improving the conditions of the life of young people through leisure activities.
- f. Assistance to Church of England Schools (but not for matters which are the responsibility of the ILEA).
- g. Support for other organisations or groups engaged in educational projects which benefit young people.

If you want to find out whether the Foundation can help you, contact:

The Clerk to the Governors  
Sir John Cass's Foundation  
31 Jewry Street  
London EC3N 2EY  
Tel. No: 480 5884

## UNDER FIVES FORUM

Dear Friends,

Since I started at SCVS recently as a part-time fieldworker, a number of groups have shown an interest in getting the forum back on it's feet.

We will arrange our first meeting very soon but in the meantime I have been visiting groups to find out what they want from the Forum and what we can do to make sure everyone finds it a useful and practical source of information and support for people involved with Under-Fives.

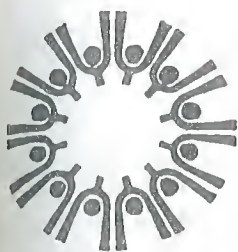
If you want to know more about the Forum or if you know of any groups/organisations who would be interested in the Forum and would like to be on the mailing list, please give me a ring at SCVS. I am working Mondays to Thursdays 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Liz Dunn SCVS Fieldworker





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NEWSLETTER

## URBAN AID

### SOUTHWARK: ONLY THREE GROUPS FUNDED!

#### ONLY THREE PROJECTS APPROVED FOR SOUTHWARK THIS YEAR

The Urban Aid results are very depressing for the voluntary sector in Southwark. Despite extensive lobbying over the years and despite assurances from Ministers that priority for Urban would in future be the "most severely deprived areas and this certainly includes Southwark", only three projects were agreed.

We do not have national figures yet so it remains a mystery how we did so badly. The cash allocation by government was the same as last year so why has Southwark lost out? The Council and SCVS are still trying to find out.

The three projects funded are:-

- The Silwood Youth Centre
- Camberwell After School Project
- Punjabi Under 5's Education Group.

The Silwood Youth Centre was put top of the priority list by Southwark and the funding is shared with ILEA and Lewisham. The two other projects did not get any of the capital they asked for which makes it very difficult for them to develop the projects as they would like to.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
2 MARSHAM STREET LONDON SW1P 3EB  
01-212 3434

My ref: PSO/24026  
Your ref:



27 July 1985

I appreciate that Southwark is one of a handful of areas which can compare its needs to neighbouring Programme and Partnership authorities. I hope that the progressive reduction in the number of authorities assisted through the TUP will enable us to do more for Southwark.

#### SOME GOOD NEWS

Groups running Playschemes will be pleased however. Although a project to support play in the Borough was turned down playschemes have received one of highest allocations of money in London.

SIR GEORGE YOUNG

- So the resources to the voluntary sector in Southwark through Urban Aid have diminished very rapidly over the years.

Where is the funding for the new and innovative projects in Southwark going to come from? There is no GLC and Council resources are very limited. Now Urban Aid is winding down.

The projects prioritised by the Borough which have not received funding include a Pensioners Centre, a black youth project in Peckham, an expanded Voluntary Workers Bureau a Muslim Community Centre and a support project to Community Nurseries. Some of these projects are making representation to MPs about these decisions

There is also something ironic about such a poor Urban Aid result for Southwark when North Peckham has been chosen as an area to receive a Government Task Force as a 'solution' to some of the unemployment problems in that area. It seems that one Government initiative means there is less money elsewhere under other programmes. It looks like a cynical exercise. Either the Government is recognising the urgent needs of a borough like Southwark and granting a good level of resources to meet these needs - or it is not.

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be given to the needs of the most severely deprived areas and this certainly includes Southwark.

Priority will

This means the total coming to Southwark through Urban Aid is just over £100,000 little over half the sum Southwark received last year which was in itself half the money received compared to the previous year.

"My Right Honourable Friend will consider the future of the Traditional Urban Programme in the light of the resources available for the Urban Programme as a whole, and his wish to concentrate them in the most needy areas".

Parliamentary Answer from Environment Minister  
Sir George Young to Harriet Harman MP, 8.5.85  
(Hansard col.417)

SIR GEORGE YOUNG



Extracts from  
letters to local M.Ps.



# LOCAL GOV'T BILL : LATEST

In the February Newsletter we outlined what this Bill might mean for the voluntary sector. This legislation would particularly hit campaigning organisations and organisations which publicise the effect (for example on claimants) of government policy.

The Lords made many amendments to this part of the Bill and the Government have agreed to them reluctantly simply because they wanted to have another part of the Bill on the statute books by 1st April 1986. Kenneth Baker has indicated however that the amendments are not acceptable to the government and that he intends to introduce further legislation in the next session to restore the original clauses. (These were outlined in full in the February newsletter).

NCVO (The National Council for Voluntary Organisation) has sent us a briefing note which explains why the Act as it now stands contains some improvements and some disappointments.

The improvements are that the purpose of the Bill is now set out precisely i.e. "to prohibit political publicity". NCVO reports "the danger with the original drafting was that the Bill could have been used to prohibit a much wider range of material regardless of whether it was intended to be party political". The Code of Practice put out by the DoE which was going to prove a great source of problem is now only advisory and not mandatory. The major disappointment is that "the Bill is in danger of conflicting with Section 71 of the 1976 Race Relations Act. Because some extremist parties have racist policies as their main political platform, there is a very real danger that Community Relations Councils (CRCs) funded by local Authorities will be prohibited from countering their racist propaganda".

Organisations which try to prevent the distribution of racist literature are "in danger of being prohibited by Clause 2 of the Bill". There is

another amendment which could improve this so that Section 71 of the Race Relations Act exempted organisations. As NCVO says "the Bill could prevent the promotion of good race relations and protect the promotion of bad race relations. This cannot be right".

Another disappointment is that local Authorities may still be prevented from sending out publicity about social security, health etc because these are not local Authority functions. They are free under the Act to fund voluntary bodies to do this. NCVO are concerned that many authorities have spent their limit on the rate (sec.137) and will not be able to fund publicity in this way.

## TASK FORCE

### NORTH PECKHAM TASK FORCE

The Government has targeted North Peckham for one of eight inner city 'Task Forces'. This initiative came from Employment Minister Kenneth Clark who has stated; "We are all too well aware that people who live in many of our inner cities suffer from a wide range of long standing problems".

The Task Force, comprising of two civil servants and a possible purse of £1 million, has arrived in Southwark. The civil servants claim that the Task Force is not just about handing out the money, but about getting more resources for the area generally, from central government and the private sector. However, it's an insult to the people of Southwark from a government that has systematically taken back Rate Support Grant, made cuts in housing and contributed to the massive unemployment in the area to come charging in with a miniscule £1m and expect to be welcomed with open arms.

SCVS, alongside the Council has set up a Community Forum whose aim is to put forward a united, co-ordinated response to the Task Force and draw up ideas for projects on which the money can be spent. The Community Forum is looking beyond the Task Force to develop a longer term, community-based response to the problems of the area - £1m is just a 'drop in the ocean'. Many voluntary organisations are also concerned that all sections of the community will benefit from the Task Force. In Liverpool, where there was a similar initiative, the Black community was excluded as long established (predominantly white) organisations got all the money.

The first two meetings of the Community forum have been broad based and fairly representative, but it is important that all voluntary and community groups in North Peckham work through the Community Forum so that the Task Force doesn't divide people.

A series of sub-groups have been set up to prepare proposals for projects which can then be discussed by the Forum as a whole and presented to the Task Force. Sub-groups range from security to Black employment, leisure, and are being convened by SCVS or council officers.

The next meeting is on **Weds April 10th at Blakes Rd IT Centre at 2.30pm**. It will be discussing developments in the Task Force and sub-groups reports.

If you haven't come before - contact SCVS, and if you want to be involved in any of the sub-groups contact the Employment Unit at SCVS.

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# CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

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All voluntary organisations in receipt of Southwark grant aid over £2,000 have now received a copy of the Conditions of Grant Aid which they have to sign or object to by 30th June. Objections will be heard by an appeal panel of councillors from your funding committee. All groups are being sent these conditions even if their funding committee rejected these conditions.

It is clear that some organisations are still deeply unhappy about some of the conditions, and feel that there is still an underlying confusion between monitoring and management.

SCVS will be organising special meetings for groups funded by the Women's Committee and the Race Committee in order to give them an opportunity to consider a united strategy in respect of their Committee.

Some organisations have also told SCVS that they would like to consider a joint appeal on some items. There will be a meeting to consider this on Tuesday 20th May at 2.00pm. We will be writing to all Council funded groups notifying them of this meeting by which time we will know where it will be taking place.

## FUNDRAISING

### WHITBREAD COMMUNITY CARE AWARDS 1986

This nationwide scheme is divided into four geographical zones and in each zone there will be four categories for which prizes will be awarded. There will also be a national winner for each category and a national community improvement prize will be specially selected to help the winning group or individual in their own field of community care.

The categories for each zone are as follows:-

1. Individual Awards - 1st prize £1000 + National Prize Winner £1000.
2. Group Awards - 1st prize £1000 + National Prize Winner £1000.
3. Youth Group Awards - 1st prize £500 + National Prize Winner £500
4. Whitbread Licensee Special Awards - 1st Prize £500 + National Prize Winner £500.

\* For a nomination form contact:- MCC Public Relations Ltd, Old Bank House, Old Market Place, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4DL TEL: 061-941-6344.

\* CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 30th Sept.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

### HOLIDAY PROJECTS:

#### GRANT AID

Are you thinking of running a play-scheme during the 1986 Summer holiday? If so, and you are a community, voluntary or youth group, then you may apply to the Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of your project.

Projects must be located within the Borough of Southwark and types of projects which may be funded include:

- \* Estate Based Play Projects
- \* Activities in Arts, Crafts, Drama

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- \* Social and Educational Trips & Outings.

Applications forms are available from Sarah Newton, Town Hall, Room 4.04, Peckham Road, S.E.5. TEL: 703-6311 EXT 2142.

## SOUTHWARK COUNCIL CRECHE SCHEME

### THE SOUTHWARK CHILD MINDERS PROJECT

urgently needs some new premises after June.

Is there any organisation or project which has spare space. They need at least 4 rooms and space for a toy library. They have 10 workers.

The Project can pay up to £4,000 per year rent.

Contact: Miss Platner, 1 East Dulwich Road, SE22. Tel: 693-1600.

## VOLUNTARY WORKERS

### VOLUNTARY WORKERS BUREAU

Collapsible Wheelchair needed for Elderly Handicapped lady.

Contact: Tom Johnson. Tel No: 732-8881 Ext 68.

### WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST

(Holidays for Disabled People) - urgently need 90 Volunteers per fortnight to help care for their disabled guests

If any volunteers are interested please contact:- Amy Wallis, SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15.

### SOUTHWARK COUNCIL COMMUNITY

#### CRECHE SCHEME

Groups can now apply for a CRECHE GRANT for 1986/7. The system for applying will be the same as last year. Groups can apply for money to pay a creche worker at the rate of £3.50 per hour for up to 10 hours per week for a maximum of 36 weeks a year. Groups who need a creche for special events or meetings during the year can apply at any time, as long as it is at least 6 weeks before you need the creche.

If you want an application form, please contact Tanya Whitty at the Southwark Women's Centre, 8 Peckham High St, SE15. Tel: 701 9069.

There is no closing date but creche grants will be paid out approximately 6 weeks after the date we receive your application, so don't delay!

### WEST INDIAN LEAGUE

Is looking for Amateur Actors aged 14 to 18 years.

Please apply in writing.....

To: 83 PELLETT ROAD, EAST DULWICH S.E.22





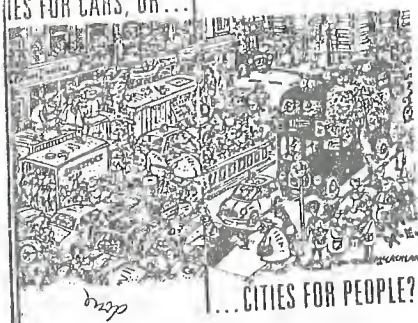
## INFORMATION

**THE NEXT VOLUNTARY SECTOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKING PARTY WILL BE ON JUNE 9TH 2.30 AT THE CONSORTIUM.**

We will be reporting back on the disability awareness day and on feedback on the draft guidelines on equal opportunities and people with disabilities.

This mailing includes a copy of these draft guidelines. Please could your organisation comment on these and write to SCVS with more ideas or comments or, even better, come to the meeting on 9th.

**CITIES FOR CARS, OR...**



### CITIES ARE FOR PEOPLE:

Friends of the Earth has launched a new campaign about the need for improved public transport rather than cut-backs in order to ensure that increased traffic does not make London intolerable to live in - increasing congestion and causing more accidents and fumes.

If you want to know more about this Campaign contact Friends of the Earth, 377, City Road, EC1V 1NA. Tel No:- 837-0731.

### UMOJA THEATRE COMPANY

Luton Van for hire  
£15 per day plus low mileage  
Phone 701-6396.

**SOUTHWARK PLANNING** as recently produced leaflets on "WHO NEEDS PLANNING PERMISSION" an introductory explanation to people on obtaining planning permission. This has been produced in English, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali and Chinese.

If you would like copies on this leaflet, please contact:- Kevin Moore Planning Consultation Unit, Tel No:- 703-6311.

## JOBS

### WALWORTH & AYLESBURY COMMUNITY ARTS TRUST

are seeking a full-time:-

#### PUBLISHING WORKER

to establish a new Publishing Project

#### ADMINISTRATOR

with fundraising & publicity experience

SALARY £8,554

For more info and application form

Phone:- (PUBLISHING) 708-1280

(ADMINISTRATOR) 701-7413

Closing date for applications:-

MAY 8TH 1986.

### NEW WAYS TO WORK

#### JOB SHARING

There is a Computerised Register for the greater London area and information on how Job Sharing Works. Contact: New Ways to Work, 309 Upper Street, N1 2TY.

### CAMBRIDGE HOUSE HOLIDAY PROJECT

Cambridge House want a worker to co-ordinate short break holidays for Mentally Handicapped Adults and children.

The co-ordinator will be required to do 150 hrs per year.

Hour rate at £5.7p phr

please contact:

Chris Vickerman.

Cambridge House,

131 Camberwell Road,

London S.E.5.

Tel: 701-0769.

## CONFERENCE

### PROPOSED CONFERENCE

Mother Tongue and Bi-Lingual Nurseries  
**MAFALDA** - a Latin American Community Nursery - would be interested in any ideas or suggestions you may have on their proposal to hold a conference - (possibly on 31st May) - to discuss training, benefits, experiences, service from schools etc.

If you want to know any more details please contact either MAFALDA on 622-6285 or Liz Dunn at SCVS.

## PUBLICATIONS

**RAISING MONEY FOR WOMEN:** A survival Guide is published in association with Directory of Social Change by Bedford Square Press/NCVO. Price £5.95, ISBN 0 7199 1170 2. Available from bookshops or £6.70 by post from the distributors, Harper 7 Row Ltd, Esplanade Road, Plymouth, PL6 7PZ.

### "WE WANT TO BE ANTI-RACIST BUT DON'T KNOW HOW"

This booklet from LVSC uses case studies to look at the steps taken by 12 organisations in London to overcome racism in their work, agencies covering a wide range of agencies including youth groups, pensioners' provision, under-fives work, housing groups, coordinating bodies and men's training. The booklet aims to give examples of possible strategies rather than setting out a single blueprint for action.

£1.50 per copy including postage and packing

Please send your orders to Chris Collins, LVSC, 68, Chalton St, NW1

## EVENTS

### NUNHEAD FORUM/NUNHEAD FESTIVAL

If your organisation would like to take part in this June's NUNHEAD Festival on Nunhead Green (June 21st) please contact:- Forum Chairman, Roger Smith, 32 Mundanka Rd, SE22 0NW.

**STALL FEE** £3.00 per stall.

**N.B.** Please make a note in your diary of various events coming up throughout the year.

### SOUTHWARK GALA WEEKEND ON PECKHAM

- Sat. May 31st/June 1st (application for stall etc to Southwark Enterprises - 703-6311 Ext 2539.

### NUNHEAD FAYRE ON NUNHEAD GREEN

June 21st from 2pm. Contact:- Roger Smith

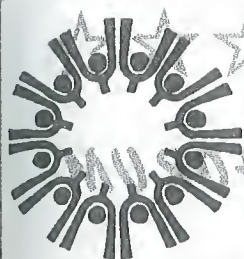
### NUNHEAD FESTIVE FUN-BARN DANCE

Silas Hall, Friday June 27th 7.30pm

### COMMUNITY BARBECUE/OPEN DAY

Antony's (Garden/Church) - Saturday July 5/6th.





# Southwark

# Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane, London SE15

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## APRIL '86 NEW SLETTER

### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

The Community Affairs Committee passed the Conditions of Grant Aid on 10th February even though many voluntary organisations still have grave concern eg. that the Conditions confuse monitoring with management and that they therefore affect the independence of the voluntary sector.

The Womens Committee has refused to accept the Conditions. The Race Committee were very unhappy about them (eg. all coopted members voted against them) and have only accepted them for a trial period of a year. The concept of a review after a year was accepted by the Community Affairs Committee so this should now be happening for all projects

The Leisure and Recreation Committee are considering whether they need to have a special more controlling set of conditions for the play organisations they fund.

For some reason the Council has always found it most imperative to control play organisations particularly closely.

The consultation process in relation to the Grant Conditions was long, but not in SCVS's view at all well conducted. A vast amount of time was therefore taken up trying to put things right once they had started on the wrong foot.

Considerable improvements were achieved by the voluntary sector during the process. Most of these are clearly set out in the revised Conditions. However the Officers' paper to the Committee on 10th February contains some useful clarifications eg. where Monitoring Officers attend meetings their role would be in an advisory and information giving role and not one of decision making for the group.

In relation to the appointment of staff, the Condition 9 (3) which reads "encouraged to" means that groups do not have to involve their Monitoring Officer in the interview and appointment process if they do not wish to. At an earlier meeting a voluntary delegation had stressed concern about clawback. The members did not believe that clawback occurred.

A heated discussion then followed about the actual practices and led to a minute which said "Monitoring Officers had no authority to vary groups' grants- this was a Members decision". These clarifications all seem very helpful. The Conditions contain within themselves a right of appeal and this re-iterated by Councillors.

It has been suggested in the voluntary sector that groups wanting to appeal might want to put in a joint appeal on some items such as the need to send minutes of meetings to the Monitoring Officer.

If you do wish to pursue this please let SCVS know. please also let us know of any appeal you make.

Also any problems or good things you come across in the actual implementation of the Conditions. This will enable us to make sure that the promise review at the end of one year is effective.

Work on Conditions of Grant Aid has not been given as high a priority as SCVS would have liked because of the constant pressures on voluntary sector funding over the past two years but SCVS should now be more able to help any groups having difficulties arising in relation to Conditions of Grant Aid.

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### OUTSTANDING GLC GRANT PAYMENTS

SCVS has a copy of a detailed letter from the Chairman of the London Residuary Body (which will take over assets and liabilities of the GLC) about the way any money owing to voluntary organisations will be paid.

If you would like a copy of this letter, please contact SCVS.





## FUNDING FOR PLAYSCHEMES

Extract from the Guidelines for funding from the Southwark Holiday Projects Committee

So you're thinking of running a Playscheme... that's great.

Here are a few things to think about: There are three general types of schemes:

1. Home based Project You will need suitable premises to do things like games, arts and crafts and cooking. You will also need workers with lots of energy and ideas.

2. All Outings Where you arrange several trips out using coaches, minibuses or public transport you may find it hard to get hold of the transport you want and it can be very expensive.

3. Part home based and part outings You may have all the difficulties outlined above - but you don't need so many ideas, or so much money... Still interested?... Why not chat to groups which have run playschemes before. If you get in touch with Perry at the Play Office (299 2860), he should be able to suggest people to contact. Still interested?... Then ring Sarah Newton (703 6311 ext. 2124) for an application form.

Start to get a group together, applying for some funding, doing some fundraising...and you are away. When you send in your application form you will be sent a copy of Southwark Playschemes Information Pack which is full of ideas to help you run a successful playscheme. You may want your copy now to help you with your budgeting and initial programming. If so ask Sarah Newton to send you one when she sends your application form.

### DATES

#### Summer Holiday Playschemes:

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Closing date for return of application | 9th May  |
| Decision made by Committee             | 2nd June |

#### Autumn Half Term:

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Closing date for return of application | 5th Sept.  |
| Decision made by Committee             | 22nd Sept. |



## UNDER 5'S FORUM

A special, informal meeting to discuss issues relating to young children

**date:** Monday 28th April

**time:** 12.00 - 2.00pm

**place:** Southwark Council for Voluntary Service  
135 Rye Lane  
Peckham SE15

Lunch will be provided.

Some creche places are available

Please see insert for more details



### WANTED URGENTLY - CHEAP CRECHE EQUIPMENT

Do you have any unwanted small tables, chairs painting easels etc. for sale, which we can use in our creche room.

If you haven't, but you know where we can get hold of some we would be very grateful.

Please ring Jean Williams at Silwood Family Centre (Tel.237 2376) or Liz Dunn at SCVS.

We can collect



# LOCAL NEWS

## EAST DULWICH COMMUNITY NURSERY

Parents and tenants living on the East Dulwich Estate have been working for several years to open a Community Nursery - a very much needed project. They received Urban Aid funding and the Nursery finally opened earlier this year. Here is a piece about the nursery written by one of the workers.

" East Dulwich Community Nursery officially opened on Monday 13th January. We originally started with 10 children and we have gradually built up our numbers.

We now have 17 children on our register and a long waiting list. The only criteria we have is that families should live on the East Dulwich Estate and are prepared to become actively involved in the nursery.

Our premises are two newly converted flats which have been purpose built. The nursery consists of a baby room, main play area, a quiet room with books and a television and a kitchen and bathroom.

The nursery has 6 members of staff, two of which are part time workers and together we work as a collective.

We offer full time pre-school child care and at present our age range is 8 months to 5 years. Some of the children attend on a part time basis. The nursery is open from 8.00 - 5.45, meals are provided and our children enjoy a mid-morning snack plus lunch and tea. Vegetarian meals and foods from other cultures are also prepared by our cook.

We are also fortunate enough to own a mini-bus which we use to take the children out on trips. We are a community nursery so we hope that you the community will take and active interest in our nursery.

We are always in need of volunteers so if you can help in any way please get in touch." Telephone 737 6137



## TRANSLATION SERVICES IN TURKISH

Turkish translations and interpretations are being offered by the Southwark Cypriot Community Group. For further details contact Hassan Vahib. (Tel 693 9536). Reasonable fees will be charged for the service.



## CEILIDH AT BRANDON BAPTIST CENTRE

There is a CEILIDH at Brandon Baptist Centre, Redcar Street SE5 on Saturday 26th April starting at 7.15pm. Tickets are £1.50 for adults, 75 pence for children accompanied by adults, and includes 'supper'. For tickets contact: Richard Silman, Brandon Baptist Centre on 701 6374 or Ali Phillips on 274 1532.

## LOBBY GROUP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

We are a group that has been approximately meeting for 4 months to try and put pressure to bare on Southwark Council and other Statutory Bodies to employ and train more bilingual workers in all departments, and make money available to Advice Centre, Community Projects and Information Services throughout the Borough to enable them to employ local people to act as interpreters especially in areas where there is a high population of non-english speakers i.e. as in Southwark - the Vietnamese, Turkish and Bengali Communities.

If Southwark Council believes in implementing their Equal Opportunities and Anti-Racist Policies, we question whether this is happening - as a proportion of these communities should therefore be reflected in the staffing of all departments i.e. by employment of bilingual worker/officers.

There has been a similar group to this operating in Southwark for several years but what seems extremely sad is that Southwark is quite a way behind other Boroughs in their response to these communities.

The next meeting of the Lobby Group is on:

MONDAY 7th APRIL at 3.00pm

For further details please contact:  
Helen Nicholas Tel. 274 4944/0782



## COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT FOR BETTER SERVICES

This Campaign has been set up in response to the kinds of cutbacks which have affected Lewisham and Hither Green Hospitals since December. These were imposed by the Health Authority to save money. They have caused clinics for outpatients to be cancelled, wards to be closed and waiting lists to grow longer. In recent weeks a 'Yellow Alert' has been in operation in all South London hospitals. This means that the hospitals are so full they can only accept emergency cases.

The Campaign is meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, 23rd APRIL 7.30pm  
at the CHC Offices, 13 Catford Broadway  
London SE6 4SP

Myra Garratt from the Tower Hamlets Health will be the guest speaker.

For more information about the campaign please contact: Dave Owen at the Community Health Council Offices on 690 8777 or Maggie Cochrane on 291 3332



## JOBS

**A. S. H. A. Womens' Aid** requires a **LOCUM WORKER** for casework. 17 hours a week from April 1st to 27th and 35 hours a week from April 28th to June 30th. Salary: £9,800 pro rata. Knowledge of one Asian language essential and previous experience desirable. For further information please contact:

ASHA Research Project, Tel. 274 4000 ext. 347 or write to ASHA, P.O. Box 484, London SE5 0HS

**Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre** need a

part-time **EXPERIENCED ADVICE WORKER** to join a

team of 2 full-time advice workers. It is anticipated that in the Autumn you would job share

with another advice worker on her return from maternity leave. Work includes housing and welfare rights. Some evening and Saturday work.

Hours: 18 hours a week Salary: £8979 + L.W.

(pro rata).

for an application form write enclosing an s.a.e

if possible to:

Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre,

Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, Peckham,

London SE15 4AN

Closing date: **3rd April 1986**

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer. We

welcome applications regardless of sex, race or

disability. We particularly encourage those

with experience of working in a multi-ethnic

community.

**Southwark Co-operative Development Agency** are

looking for a woman replacement worker to take

over the duties of a CDA worker who is going on

maternity leave. The CDA works to promote co-

operatives in the London Borough of Southwark.

The worker must be skilled in co-operative dev-

elopment, training, and administration; and also

have experience in working with ethnic minorities

women; and/or people with disabilities. The

successful applicant will be expected to commence

work as soon as possible after the interview

(preferably 28th April or near to that date).

The contract will last for 26 weeks (possibly a

4 week extension as well).

Hours: full-time. Salary: £9477 + L.W. (pro rata)

For further details and an application form

write to:

SCDA, 135 Rye Lane, London SE15 4ST or contact

Pat on 639 0134

Southwark CDA is an equal opportunities employer.

We invite applications from women, from all

sections of the community, irrespective of their

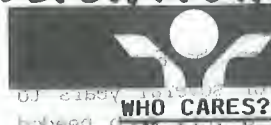
ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or

disability, who have the necessary attributes to

do the job

Closing date: **4th April 1986**

## PUBLICATIONS



**WHO CARES?**  
**HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL**

This booklet has been specially written for

people who look after a confused relative at

home. It has been produced by the Health Edu-

cation Council. Copies are free

from: Who Cares? P.O. Box 807, London SE99 6YE

### THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL ON CHARITY PREMISES

This new leaflet by the Charity Commissioners

explains the problems, both legal and practical

for voluntary organisations who want to provide

alcohol on their premises to improve facilities

or as a source of funds. It contains sections on

local objections; the licensing laws; charity

law; taxation. The leaflet is free of charge if

you can provide an A5 stamped addressed envelope

From: Charity Commission, St Alban's House,

57-60 Haymarket, London SW1 4QX

Further information on this topic is also

available in Bars, Charities and the Law

From: National Federation of Community

Organisations

8 - 9 Upper Street, Islington, London

NI OPQ

and Charities and Social Clubs

**HEALTH AND RACE MONTHLY NEWS SHEET**

Training In Health and Race produce a news

sheet which is a contact network and information

exchange for anyone with an interest in health

and race issues. It gives information about

forthcoming events, including conferences, work-

shops and seminars, and reviews new publications

on relevant topics, as well as news about train-

ing development. Readers are invited to con-

tribute news, views and information, and we will

also print any subscriber's requests for

contacts, resources etc.

Subscriptions for a year cost £2.00 for 8

editions. Please make cheques payable to: The

National Extension College Trust Ltd, and send

it to: THR, 229 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9LF.

### CHARITY COMMISSION CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Charity Commission has changed its

address and all correspondence should now be

addressed to: Charity Commission

St Alban's House

57 - 60 Haymarket

London SW1 4QX





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# NEWSLETTER INSERT

## INFORMATION

### FLAG DAY FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

In its formative years ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY used to directly support hospitals and nurses homes, but today ROSE DAY provides money to help organisations caring for the aged, the sick, the disabled and the young - in fact many of the local community based charities and welfare organisations.

ROSE DAY is YOUR OWN FLAG DAY, so please be very generous with your support. This year the day is on 17th JUNE 1986. For a group that participates there is the advantage of a publicly known and accepted flag day which already has the necessary street and door-to-door collection permits. Groups receive about 85% of what their collectors gather

If your group is interested in the possibility of being involved, please contact:

Paul Sommerfeld, LVSC, 68 Chalton Street  
London NW1 1JR

### MARKET PITCHES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Southwark Consumer Services has made arrangements for local community groups to have the use, by prior written permission, of seven market pitches in five designated street trading areas. One pitch has been reserved in this way at each of the following markets: Choumert (SE 15) Northcross (SE 22) Albion (SE16 and Southwark Park Road (SE 16). The remaining three are at East Street (SE 17)

Local community groups have found these pitches useful for a variety of purposes including:- advertising of activities, distribution of literature and information, fund raising, campaigning etc.

Each pitch is 9 feet long by 3½ feet wide

If you wish to make use of these pitches please write to the following address giving details of intended use and dates sought:

Southwark Consumer Services  
23, Harper Road, SE1 6AW

or you can make enquiries about the particular markets from the following people:

Miss Rae/Mr Bell (Northcross & Choumert);  
Messrs Taylor/Coombe/Lontano (Albion  
& Southwark Park Road); Messrs Price/Baker  
& Morbin/Findlay (East Street) Please ring  
403 5867 and ask to be put through to the  
appropriate person

### QUESTIONING QUESTION TIME

Wally Macfarlane, a member of SCVS Executive would like to know whether organisations in Southwark are getting tickets to 'Question Time' with Robin Day (BBC TV Thursday evenings).

'Question Time' is recorded in Southwark and Wally would like to know how tickets are allocated. If you have any information about this, please will you leave a message for Wally at SCVS

**A SCREEN PRINTING CO-OPERATIVE:** has just been set up in Brockley. It specialises in posters and can do short runs from 20 upwards and also newsletters etc. The Co-op are happy to give quotations for their work, for further information contact:

Sandra Cowell or Jane Hearn on 231 8664

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The W.R.V.S in Southwark needs volunteers to act as escorts, taking children to holiday destinations. If you are interested in volunteering, and having a day trip out of London should contact: **Amy Wallis** at SCVS Voluntary Workers' Bureau (Tel 732 5729).

The **WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST** provide holiday for people with disabilities. The Trust has three Holiday Centres and needs residential volunteers for a week or two weeks to assist trainee and experienced staff. The holidays run from March through to December.

If you are interested in receiving further details please contact: Geraldine Angus, Winged Fellowship Trust, Angel House, Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. Tel: 833 2594

## N.C.V.O. - NEW DIRECTOR

SCVS sends its congratulations to Usha Prashar on her appointment as the new Director of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations.

A Kenyan Asian, she is the first Black Director to be appointed in the organisations' 77 year history. She was the unanimous choice of the selection panel from an original field of 98 candidates, only a small minority of them women.



# COURSES/CONFERENCES

## ASSERTION TRAINING

CAN HELP YOU ACT WITH CONFIDENCE  
IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE

IN SMALL SUPPORTIVE GROUPS TALK OVER THE  
THINGS THAT BOTHER YOU AND LEARN NEW  
TECHNIQUES FOR PUTTING THEM RIGHT

We run a wide range of courses designed to  
cover:

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**HANDLING SOCIAL SITUATIONS**

**COPING WITH DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS**

**WOMEN ONLY COURSES OR MIXED**

## AFFIRM

44 HOLDENBY RD,  
LONDON SE4



**INTERPERSONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6.00pm - 9.00pm  
at ARISTOTLE ROAD

APRIL 9th - JUNE 25th 1986

The course will look at ways in which we relate  
to others and will enable participants to estab-  
lish a profile of their skills and preferred  
style of self-presentation.

Course tutor: Sheila Mitchell Course fee: £12  
To apply: 'phone Sue Carle on 737 1166 or enrol  
at 6.00pm Wednesday April 9th at Brixton College  
Aristotle Road, SW4 (near Clapham North Tube).



LESBIANS AND  
GAY MEN -  
working + campaigning

for lesbian and gay rights in  
London... in local government.

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 9.30-6**  
**CAMDEN TOWN HALL, JUDD ST. NW1**

opposite St. Pancras Station

Full access for wheelchair users. Interpreters, signers  
and care allowance are available.

Further information from:

CAMDEN LESBIAN AND GAY PROJECT  
LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN  
ENDSLEIGH GARDENS  
WC1H 0EB  
TEL 387 3456 X209  
388 9324

This conference is being organised to bring us  
together to share ideas, knowledge & experience.

We need to discuss how best to establish co-  
ordination between ourselves. At the same time,  
the GLC -which could have provided a focus for  
co-ordination of lesbian and gay initiatives  
within the boroughs - is being abolished.

Is there a need for a regular exchange of  
information? How best could this be achieved?

The conference will include the following  
workshops: council staffing and recruitment;  
development of council policies; units and comm-  
ittees: what structures do we want - how do we  
want to be consulted?; being where the power is  
- how do we avoid being marginalised?; working  
together - or not? Do we all have the same needs  
and priorities?; the training debate - who for,  
when and why?

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

## HARU HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT

135 Rye Lane London SE15 Tel: 01 732 3649

The HOUSING ADVICE RESOURCE UNIT is part of  
SCVS. Its four workers give support, informat-  
ion and advice to organisations and groups in  
Southwark who are involved with housing problems.

The Unit is **not** an Advice Centre for the  
public. It will talk over individual people's  
housing problems with staff from Advice Centres

who are trying to help. It also provides train-  
ing sessions and a newsletter "HARU NEWS".

If you want information on housing in South-  
wark, do ring HARU on 732 3649 between 9.30 and  
5.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It costs  
nothing to go on our mailing list, and our train-  
ing is very cheap.



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## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 86 ISSUE

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### NEW COUNCIL:

CLLR

ANNE MATTHEWS



Cllr Anne Matthews, the newly appointed leader was previously Chair of the Women's Committee and also sat on the J & I Committee and Establishment Committee

Cllr Matthews has a record of uncompromising support for womens issues within the council and in the borough as a whole. She has also shown a commitment to the aims and objectives of community organisations. We hope Cllr Matthews will continue to lend her support as leader to community initiatives in the borough.

#### THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTHWARK NOW LOOKS LIKE THIS

Mayor: Jessie Cannon  
Deputy Mayor: Mike Geater  
Leader: Anne Matthews  
Deputy: Tony Ritchie

#### COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
ESTABLISHMENT  
FINANCE  
HOUSING  
JOBS & INDUSTRY  
LEISURE & RECREATION  
PLANNING  
PUBLIC SERVICES  
RACE EQUALITY  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
WOMENS

#### CHAIR

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David Main \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Crane \_\_\_\_\_  
John Lauder \_\_\_\_\_  
David Payne \_\_\_\_\_  
Geoff Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tony Goss \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Pedler \_\_\_\_\_

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DULWICH \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeremy Fraser, Dot Winters,  
Graham Geddes





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### FUND RAISING SEMINARS

Organised by Directory of Social Change.

1. **BASIC FUND-RAISING:** This Seminar will provide basic info & advice and also encourage the exchange of information and advice, and also encourage the exchange of information among participants. It will be held at their new training centre at Radius Works, Back Lane, Hampstead, London. NW3 1HL. on 5th & 6th June, 1986 cost £45.

### 2. APPLYING TO TRUSTS & COMPANIES

This Seminar will examine in detail how trusts and companies can and do provide support, how to approach the task of raising money from these sources, how to approach them and how to write a successful application.

Applying to cost: 25th June £30  
" " " Trusts: 9th July £25

For both Seminars apply to:  
Directory Social Change,  
9, Mansfield Place,  
London NW3 1HS

## WELFARE RIGHTS

### CLAIM YOUR INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE

If you are a married woman (or living with a man) not working, but caring for a severely disabled person claim your invalid care allowance **NOW**.

This is the advice of Southwark Welfare Rights Officer following the advice of the advocate general to the European Court of Justice on 22nd April that Britain was guilty of sex discrimination under EEC law by not paying married women carers.

The allowance is worth £23 per wk so go to your local DHSS office, get the form and claim now. The DHSS will hold onto your claim until the formal decision of the European Court of Justice is given later this year.

For more information contact:  
**Sarah Atkins, Southwark Welfare Rights,**  
Tel: 01 703.6311 Ext 2253.

## CITIZEN ACTION

### A DAY OF CAMPAIGNING

In this unique FULL DAY TEACH-IN Des Wilson will share his knowledge and experience with those involved in voluntary organisations, charities, campaigns and political activity.

**TOPICS:** The Principles of Campaigning.

Creating a Campaign

Winning with the Media.

The Difference between Success and Failure in Campaigning.

Tightening the Nuts and Bolts.  
Questions and Discussions.

### DETAILS:

Date July 2nd 1986 11am-4.30pm

Venue Holborn Library Hall,  
32 Theobalds road, LONDON

Price £10

### S T Y A ART CLASSES

Sojourner Truth In an Effort to offer some support to Local Artists and potential Artists, are providing facilities for an art class

A 10 week taster course has been designed to teach elementary art as well as to provide facilities for more established artists.

Here is an opportunity for students or potential students, to familiarize themselves with different techniques of painting and also the facilities to enable them to compile useful portfolios  
**Course begins : Monday 2nd JUNE.**  
**Venue : St Andrews Upper Hall,**  
Glengall Rd,

**Time : 1 30pm - 3.00pm**

**Tutor : G V. De La Mothe**

All Enquiries to : **STYA**

**161, Sumner Rd,**

**Peckham, London SE15.**

**Tel: 708.3023.**

## New Councillors

|          |         |                  |
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| ALLDEN   | LESLIE  | LAB. THE LANE    |
| BALI     | ALI     | LAB. LIDDLE      |
| BOGLE    | DAVID   | LAB. ALLEYN      |
| BRENNAN  | MICHAEL | LAB. CONSORT     |
| CANNING  | ANDREW  | ALL. BRICKLAYERS |
| CANNON   | JESSIE  | LAB. BRUNSWICK   |
| CARLISLE | KENNETH | LAB. ABBEY       |
| COLLEY   | ROSE    | ALL. BURGESS     |
| CORBYN   | PIERS   | LAB. BURGESS     |

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| CRANE     | ALLAN    | LAB. LYNTHUR   |
| ODRAN     | EILEEN   | CON. COLLEGE   |
| ELLERY    | MARY     | LAB. LIDDLE    |
| ELLERY    | MAURICE  | LAB. FARADAY   |
| EDWARDS   | JOHN     | CON. RUSKIN    |
| FRASER    | JEREMY   | LAB. NEWINGT   |
| FRYER     | DAVID    | LAB. BROWNIN   |
| GEATER    | MIKE     | LAB. ST. GILES |
| GEDDES    | GRAHAM   | LAB. BELLENN   |
| GDSS      | ANN      | LAB. BROWN     |
| GDSS      | TONY     | LAB. FRIARY    |
| GRAHAM    | AUBYN    | LAB. LYNTHUR   |
| GRAY      | PERCY    | CON. COLLEGE   |
| HANNON    | MIKE     | ALL. RIVERS    |
| HARTUP    | GERALD   | CON. RUSKIN    |
| HEADLEY   | ELSIE    | LAB. RYE       |
| HEANGY    | MIKE     | ALL. RIVERS    |
| HENRIQUEZ | MARJORIE | LAB. FRIARY    |
| HOWARTH   | MARK     | LAB. NEWING    |
| HUGHES    | JAMES    | ALL. ABBEY     |
| JONES     | VICTOR   | ALL. ROTHER    |
| KEEBLE    | SALLY    | LAB. CONSOR    |
| KELLY     | BRIAN    | LAB. WAVERL    |
| KEMP      | HELEN    | ALL. BRICKL    |
| KENDRICK  | ROBERT   | ALL. DOCKYA    |
| KENNEDY   | ROY      | LAB. NEWING    |
| KIM       | IRENE    | CON. RYE       |
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| MITCHELL  | ANDREW   | CON. RUSKIN    |
| MORGAN    | PATRICK  | LAB. FARAD     |
| BRAM      | LINDA    | LAB. CHAUC     |
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| PEDLER    | MARGARET | LAB. ALLEY     |
| PEMBARTON | FRANK    | ALL. ROTHER    |
| PRICE     | JOHN     | ALL. RIVER     |
| PRITCHARD | PETER    | ALL. BROWN     |
| RITCHIE   | ANTHONY  | LAB. ST. G     |
| SERGEANT  | RITA     | LAB. CHAUC     |
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| TROKE     | ANDREW   | LAB. LYN       |
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## Local Govt Act

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Ron Bailey of Community Rights Project who pioneered the Act - writes

On 1 April the local Government (Access to information) Act became law. It was an important day for the public."

Important because for the first time the public will be allowed to attend all local authority meetings - including sub-committees in which decisions are being increasingly taken - unless one of 15 specified reasons applies. No longer will general and meaningless terms like 'public interest' be permitted as reasons for excluding the public from the democratic process. Agenda and reports due for public discussion will also have to be available to the public for a least three clear days before the meetings take place. But most importantly of all, internal background papers used by officers when writing their reports will have to be open to inspection and copying.

Thus for the first time the public will have a legal right to 'get behind' the decision making process facts will be able to be assessed, reports and recommendations evaluated and policy understood. All this will give the public - power to lobby their councillors before decisions are made, power to point out errors and omissions in reports, power too to add their informed voices in support of recommendations and suggested courses of action. The role of councillors, and of the council machine will thus be under greater public scrutiny, and that is what local democracy is - or should be all about.

## D.O.E. to ratecap

### Vol. sector

#### FINANCE

The Department of the Environment have forward proposals to fix an indefinite upper ceiling of £27m on grants to the voluntary sector in London - the budget agreed for the current financial year. The proposals, which affect grants under the Richmond scheme to cross-borough and London-wide groups, will jeopardise still further voluntary sector activity in the capital which is already feeling the squeeze of abolition.

## Conditions of Grant Aid

### Appeals

#### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

A number of organisations, some of which have signed the Conditions and some have not, met on 20th May and talked about taking the issue further. The next meeting is on Thursday 19th June at 2.00 at the Consortium. If you would like details of what the organisations have decided to do contact Jenny Stiles, Lim Ai Meun or Veronica Ward at SCVS.

## S.C.V.S. : OPEN FORUM

#### OPEN FORUM:

SCVS is concerned that it should be more consultative and sensitive to the views of its membership. We have therefore decided hold approx 3 monthly regular OPEN FORUMS to enable members to voice their opinions with regards to specific areas of activity being carried out by SCVS as well as the broad direction of its work. In addition the FORUM will provide the opportunity for voluntary organisation to come together to discuss issues of concern and interest to the voluntary sector, such as premises and funding etc.

THE FIRST OPEN FORUM WILL BE ON  
WED 25TH JUNE at 7.30pm  
AT THE TOWN HALL.

Anne Mathews the new leader of Southwark Councils has been invited to outline the plans and priorities of the new Administration. This is your chance to put forward your queries and points to the Leader and to derive a commitment to the well-being of the voluntary sector.

## 10 Days of Action

#### ANTI APARTHEID "10 DAY OF ACTION" EVENTS.

16th JUNE WALLY SORRETO AND OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN POETS WILL READ POETRY. at 7pm PECKHAM TOWN HALL.

17th JUNE VIDEO & TALK (SWAG) To be Confirmed At TOWN HALL

18th JUNE PECKHAM YOUNG SOCIALIST 2 SOUTH AFRICAN SPEAKERS 7pm PECKHAM TOWN HALL.

19th JUNE SCHOOLS VISIT COUNCIL MAIN CHAMBER TOWN HALL 7PM.

21st JUNE EAST DULWICH T.A. ALBRIGHTON CENTRE, ALBRIGHTON RD, BANDS & GROUPS FUN, FUN, FUN, !!!!!

22nd JUNE SOUTHWARK MUSLIM WOMEN ASSOCIATION ALL DAY EVENT

AT BELLENDEN OLD SCHOOL  
23rd JUNE A LECTURE ON SLAVERY. at TOWN HALL PECKHAM ROAD 7pm.

24th JUNE S.L. Against Apartheid VIDEO & DISCUSSION. TOWN HALL 7pm

27th JUNE FINALE "SPECIAL MEETING MAIN CHAMBER TOWN HALL 7pm

28th JUNE AFRICAN PEOPLE MOVEMENT NORTH PECKHAM CIVIC CENTRE 7pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:...

Leo Laurenson.

Tel: 231.7331 \* 224.



## Joint Finance: 1987/8 deadline

### JOINT FINANCE 1987/8: DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS 27th JUNE '86

Any scheme, if it is to be successful, should show:

- \* that the money can be spent in the year for which the bid is submitted.
- \* evidence that the scheme has been jointly planned.
- \* written evidence of a formal commitment to take responsibility for tapering (if the project is to run for more than three years).

In the light of the small amount of money available we shall be scrutinising projects very closely to assess how closely they conform to these criteria.

Because of the slippage that seems to occur each year, the JCC is very anxious to tighten up on this and we shall be asking applicants to be as realistic as possible about the budget, exact starting date of the project, and of staff recruitment.

The following is the timetable for joint finance applications for 1987/8:

1. Contact Lal Heaton (01 407 7660 x 3551) who will send an outline bid form.

2. Return the outline bid form by Friday 27th June 1986. At this stage, we only require basic information, giving the broad aim of the scheme, and a rough idea of the costing

3. A detailed application form will then need to be completed. Applicants will be asked to show how the project fits in with the criteria above, and clear details of proposed recruitment and expenditure on a monthly basis in addition to more specific information about the scheme such as its precise aims and what particular needs it is expected to etc.

4. The deadline for fully detailed applications will be Friday 17th October. These will then be considered by the Consultative Committee, whose recommendations will be made to a December meeting of the District Health Authority.

5. Successful applicants will receive notification in early January 1987.

If you have queries on any of the above please contact Lal Heaton (407 7600 x 3551) who will be to try to help you.

## EVENTS

### EAST DULWICH AGAINST APARTHEID.

East Dulwich Tenants Association are organising a day of action in support of Southwarks.

### (10 DAY OF ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID)

On Saturday 21 JUNE 1986.

The Event will be held at:  
**THE ALBRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
ALBRIGHTON ROAD,  
off DOG KENNEL HILL,  
LONDON SE22**

Time 3pm-12 Midnight

\* **LIVE MUSIC BY NORMAL HAWAII** \*  
\* **HI TEMPO** \*

Featuring+=====

\* **NYA & LITTLE RITCHIE** \*  
\* **MATTS MELLAH** \*  
\* **RONDALYA PHILLIPINO UK** \*  
\* **SOUNDS BY ACES INTERNATIONAL** \*  
\* **POETS SPEAKERS, ETC,** \*  
\* **LICENSED BAR** \*

EVERYBODY WELCOME & SUPPORT ALSO WELCOME

**URGENTLY NEEDED: SOAP, SHAMPOO,  
TOOTH PASTE, TOOTH BRUSHES,  
DEODORANT etc.**

For Further information contact::

**COLIN HUNTE**

Tel: **274 4944-0782**

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### SOUTHWARK MUSLIM WOMENS ASSN.

Southwark Muslim Womens Association are planning a all day event as part of the Anti-Apartheid "TEN DAYS OF ACTION" There will be videos, Stalls, and childrens activities in the day and Anti-Apartheid Speakers, Entertainments and Food in the evening.

For further information or if you can contribute in any way, CONTACT. **ZAFAR** on **732.8053**.

### ANTI RACIST MARCH.

MANCHESTER--LONDON JULY 5-26.

Viraj Mendis has lived in Manchester for over 12 years.

Viraj is a known supporter of the oppressed Tamil people of Sri Lanka, and would face certain persecution at the hands of a brutal regime if he were to go back. In spite of this, the Home Office has turned down his appeal for Political Asylum.

### what are you going to do about it

For more information contact  
The Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign  
c/o North Hulme Centre,  
Jackson Crescent, Hulme,  
Manchester M15 5AL or telephone  
D61-795 387D

### SUMMER EVENT FOR CHILDREN

5-12 YEAR OLDS

Stop the Clock - and Watch Time Fly.

is a theatre group for children. It's first project is "THAGABAGABDD!" and they will be available throughout the summer. If any Playcentres or Playschemes are interested in a booking contact Julie Garton or Tony Proud at Stop the Clock, Theatre Events for Children, 99a Bell St, London. NW1 6TL or phone 723 7054

### A MUSICAL EVENING.

Presented by the Calton Singers. at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Road, SE17.

On **Tuesday, 8th July 1986.**  
Time: **7.45pm.**

All proceeds to Southwark Disabled People's Association.

**Tickets 50p including Tea/coffee.  
Raffle 10p.**

## CONFERENCES

### NOTES ON A RECENT CONFERENCE ON 'FUNDING FOR WOMENS ORGANISATIONS'

The Conference, convened by NCVOs Womens' Organisations Interest Group was extremely well attended by many varied womens projects from all parts of the Country. However, disappointingly few of those potential funders invited were present.

Ushar Prashar, the new NCVO Director, and Marion Bowman, co-author of 'Raising Money For Women', both spoke of their concern about the increasing problems facing womens' projects and the need for women to get together to influence changes in the attitudes of funding bodies. Other speakers included representatives from the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Govt's Voluntary Service Unit, Trusts and Industry. Perhaps ominous though not surprising, an invitation to the Dept of Employment to attend was turned down.

The overall message came across loud and clear: with the abolition of the GLC, strong supporters of womens issues both morally and financially, there is going to be little encouragement from elsewhere, due either to Govt restraints (the EOC has only £44,000 to spend this year as opposed to £77,000 last year) or the lack of will on the part of many Trusts etc. This will put a tremendous strain on Southwark Council's Womens' Committee.

Though some of the funders speaking may have personal sympathy for womens' issues there is no doubt that money would not be made available as a priority and in some cases they are obviously considered to be of little or no importance. It is an indictment of the lack of concern for women providing services for women that a man from the Nat West Bank (take note and apply to the Chair) - one of the very few concerned - had to say how angry he felt even as a result of the content of some of the speeches and, in his words, "in effect what you've been told today is 'POKE OFF!'"

## COURSES ETC

Being described by one speaker as 'party' political and subversive (a woman at that) demonstrates that womens' organisations in general have a long way to go before the value and importance of their work in the community is recognised, and if they intend to move forward the onus is firmly on them to show initiative, determination and resilience.

### However; some useful points which came out of the Conference:

Some support can be given by local Industry although this may be for short-term funding or equipment rather than long-term security. Perhaps local business unable to give money may be able to provide resources, expertise or unused office equipment or furniture. Many want their staff and local consumers to feel that the firm is part of the community, this is good public relations, and if they employ some part-time women your request could meet some of their needs.

### How to approach local businesses:

1. Find out as much as you can about local firms and choose those you feel will be interested and in a position to help.
2. Arrange a meeting with either personnel/public affairs or a director.
3. Put yourself forward in a positive way. Tell them what service you provide and what you need. If you have help, or promises of help, from other companies, this should encourage similar support (public relations again).
4. If successful, keep in touch with the company. This could benefit you again or encourage support for other community projects.

Many more ideas and plenty of very useful information is given in 'Raising Money For Women' - a survivors guide. This is by Marion Bowman and Michael Norton.

The book aims to be of some practical help to voluntary organisations run by and for women. It gives an outline of the history of womens' voluntary action and describes the work of many organisations. It details the range of funding bodies, both statutory and non-statutory, to

whom women might consider applying and is a campaigning book in support of womens' claim to both patronage and power. It offers some suggestions for change, further debate and action.

Price £5.95, the book can be ordered from NCVO at 26 Bedford Sq. London WC1B 3HU.

### DRUG MISUSE

Two 3 day courses will follow the same format although guest speakers may vary. Workshops & discussions form a key element.

No.1 Course. Tues, May 27th, June 3rd, June 10th at 9.30am-4.30pm at Sydenham Green Health Centre, Holmshaw Close, Sydenham, London, SE26  
Speaker to include:-

Dr. Jezzard - Dept. of Child Psychiatry Guys;  
Dr. Lipsidge - Dept. of Psychiatry Guys;  
Dr. Henry - Principal National Poisons Unit.

No.2 Course. Thursday 3rd July, Friday 11th-18th July. Speakers to include:-

Dr. Jezzard; Dr. Minton - National Poisons Unit;  
Dr. Cook - Dept. of Psychiatry Guys.

Surrey Dock's Health Centre  
Salter Road, London. SE1.

Mrs. Brenda Reid,  
Health Education Drug Support Group,  
Health Education Service,  
South Wing Nurses Home,  
Lewisham Hospital,  
High Street, London. SE13 6LH  
Tel: 01-690-4311 Ext. 6290

Unless otherwise stated all sessions are multidisciplinary and are for staff in both statutory and non-statutory agencies.

If you would like a programme to fit in with a specific discipline please telephone to discuss alternatives. Members of the Drug Support Group run the various sessions but they do bring in further expertise as required. Please contact Brenda Reid (address above) for any enquires.

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## JOB

### LOCAL ACCOUNTANCY PROJECT.

Local Accountancy Project is looking for Community Accountants L.A.P. is a new Southwark And Lewisham jointly funded project set up to provide a comprehensive financial advisory service for Community groups in two boroughs.

We are looking for 2 community accountants who can work flexibly in offering advice, training and auditing to a diverse voluntary sector. Both workers will need accountancy skills and experience of some of the following:

Training, Computers, The Black Community, Women's organisations, Local Authority Funding.

The salary is S.O.1 £10,308 + LW £1,300) Closing date for applications will be the 20th June 1986 Application forms/Job Description From. L.A.P. c/o 61 Juniper House Pomeroy Street, London SE14 5BY. Tel: 732.9409.

We positively welcome applicants from black people and women.



### SOUTHWARK WOMENS SIGNING ON CAMPAIGN.

We have a vacancy for a woman to work for 17½ hrs, as a result of the present worker deciding to job share, for more details CONTACT: PAULINE APPLETON ON 703 1062.

## INFORMATION

### BROWNING FESTIVAL

#### DESIGN A POSTER

We are holding a competition for the main poster for the Second Browning Festival of fun

1st Prize - £25.

2nd Prize - £15.

3rd Prize - £10.

The Festival is for all ages and will include fairground rides, Bands, Stall, Buskers, Breakdance Clowns, Crafts, Food Etc.

It will take place on Saturday 30th August.

2pm to 9pm

at NURSERY ROW OPEN SPACE, (JUNCTION OF ORB STREET & EAST ST

Any image or style is O.K. but we would prefer the poster to have not more than Two Colours to print, (THE PAPER CAN BE ON ANY PAPER).

Your design should be A3 size (420mm x 297mm).

With your name, Address, phone no, on the back-

Entries should be delivered to: BROWNING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE 31, MORECAMBE ST, LONDON SE17.

\* NO LATER THAN 30th JUNE \*

### PITT STREET TOY LIBRARY IS OPEN

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## BOOKS

### YOUTH AND POLICY

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For more information contact.

Youth and Policy, 13, Hunstanton Court, Ravenswood Estate, Low Fell, Gateshead. NE9 6LA.

## MEETINGS

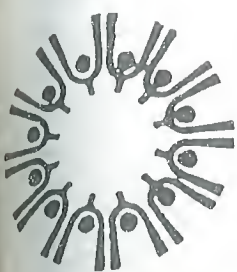
### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting of the Voluntary Sector Equal Opportunities working

Party will be held on Monday 9th June 1986 at 2.30pm at the CONSORTIUM, 150, Camberwell Road, London SE5.

\* Among other topics we will be talking about the draft guidelines the working party has put together on Equal Opportunities and people with disabilities for Voluntary Organisations.

We welcome all comments on this you can bring to the meeting



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## JULY 86

## NEWSLETTER

### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

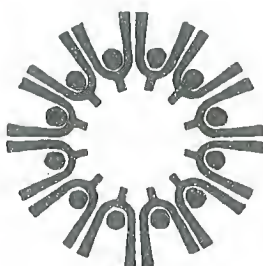
#### Council funded groups meeting:

At a meeting held on June 19th of groups concerned about the conditions of grant Aid, it became clear that organisations have had very different communications from the council about the conditions. Some organisations have been told they must sign or else they will not get their second quarters grant, others have heard nothing at all. What is clear from the letter that has gone out giving the 30th June as the deadline to sign is that an appeal with objections to certain clauses can be lodged by the 30th June instead of signing. It was agreed by the meeting that organisations that have not signed would do this. A letter has gone out to all Council funded organisations from the meeting. Those who have not signed have been urged to appeal on the specific clauses which their organisation cannot agree to.

Many other organisations including GLC funded groups, have signed because they have been pressured by officers to sign and have been worried that their grant would be at risk if they did not. The meeting agreed it would be a good idea if these groups nevertheless write to the Council giving reasons why they feel unhappy about some of the clauses. This would also be supportive to the groups that have not signed and would also help to put together material for the review of the conditions which has been promised by the Council for next year.

One of the main problems with the conditions as they are at present put together is that monitoring is confused with management. There is some evidence that this confusion is giving encouragement to some officers to be more paternalistic to groups and to undercut decisions made by management Committees. If this is happening in a project you are involved with, please let SCVS know. Please send SCVS a copy of any communication you have with the Council on this subject as it makes it easier to put a case together from the Voluntary Sector.

It is also important that your organisation talks to Councillors particularly new ones, about the difficulties for organisations created by these particular conditions. We have of course at all times to stress that Voluntary organisations in receipt of Council money is fully aware of the need to be completely accountable for the way that money is spent.



### LONDON RESIDUARY BODY

#### THE LONDON RESIDUARY BODY

Some groups, owed money for the first quarter of this year from the GLC, are having difficulty in getting it from the London Residuary Body.

Another problem that has cropped up is that there is some uncertainty about the future of premises which groups are using, which were owned by the GLC.

#### If any group is having problems

in any way with the London Residuary Body please get in touch with SCVS.

We will pass the information on to the London Voluntary Service Council, which is monitoring the situation.

We will also of course try to do what we can ourselves.

Some more money has now become available from the London Residuary Body for voluntary projects.

In some parts of London, but not in Southwark, Councils have been waiting for the money before funding projects, which in the meantime have had their grants reduced or stopped altogether.



## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FUNDING FOR BLACK GROUPS

At the recent community affairs meeting (held on 17th June) members considered applications from twenty organisations for new or increased revenue funding. The meeting decided to refer all applications to policy committee but gave priority to nine organisations. All four black groups which made bids were prioritised. These were **African Peoples Movement** (for advice work), **Pan African Assn** (Advice & Community work), **Sojourner Truth Youth Assn** (Community Centre).

However, this by no means implies that funding is guaranteed. Policy Committee will then itself have to prioritise the bids for growth referred from all the other council committees before finally making a decision about which groups will receive grant-aid.

Whilst Black organisations welcome the committee's decision to give some priority to Black project, **Forward Planning Group Black Sections** did write to the **Senior Community Development Officer** to protest that applications had been invited and submitted in an ad hoc manner. It appears therefore from the lack of any consistent system of inviting and considering grant applications, that if your group has not yet made an application to the community Affairs Committee for funding but wish to do so, you should be able to have your bid on the next committee meeting agenda provided that you submit your application form in the near future. Nevertheless it is hoped that the Community Development Unit and other council departments will devise a far more satisfactory system for ensuring that groups, and especially black and womens groups

are aware that committees will be considering funding applications and their eligibility to apply.

**FPG Black Sections** has also called for the units discriminatory practices to end. Whereby long established already well resourced organisations (mainly white) have better access to funding information compared to newer, under-resourced groups.

The Community Affairs Committee has also agreed that is small grants programme 1986/87 should be geared towards funding black groups, womens groups and groups representing people with disabilities. It must be said that in the absence of a coordinated strategy and commitment to channel resources to black groups These small grants will only go a very small way towards meeting the needs of black groups, and the black community in general. The grants are for less than £1000 and only £12,300 has been allocated for this programme. Nevertheless, Black groups should not miss this opportunity to apply, if only to indicate to Councillors the extent to which Black groups are under-funded or not receiving any funds at all.

For further information regarding the small grants programme 1986/87 contact:- **Mike Cantor** (Town Hall) 703-6311. If you would like help filling in your form, contact any of the fieldworkers at **SCVS**.

## PREMISES

As many a management committee member will know, one of the biggest problems facing new and expanding voluntary and community groups is that of securing for themselves suitable, permanent space as a base for their activities. Groups can spend months, sometimes years scouring the borough and chasing after an even diminishing stock of premises and buildings which are in any reasonable state of repair, and

which the Council or private owners/estate agents are willing to lease to community groups. This is especially the case for Black groups and Women groups who are made to jump more hurdles than other groups to acquire accommodation, and even more so for desirable accommodation. In the past **Ruth Geall**, Asst. Planner in the Town Hall, acted as an informal link between community groups and the Councils property division. However, we now feel that an ongoing system needs to be set up which can monitor and keep an up-to-date record of the supply and demand for premises. Furthermore groups require far more support in locating premises and renovating the building to suit their needs, including greater access to relevant Council departments. There is also a need for greater coordination, shared information so that groups can also find out, without too much hassle, about premises becoming available, ranging from Council owned and **ILEA** owned property to space managed by settlements and tenants associations groups vacating premises should also be able to inform other groups quickly so that those premises don't get lost in Council bureaucracy. Better coordination means that groups can decide to share premises identified is too large for use by a single group. **SCVS** hopes that, in liaison with the Council and other relevant bodies such a system can be in operation in the next two months. **WE HOPE YOU WILL INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR GROUP OR A GROUP YOU KNOW OF IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PREMISES OR WILL SOON BE VACATING YOUR PRESENT ACCOMMODATION.**

Please also inform us about accommodation which you have already identified/obtained the lease for, but are experiencing problems re: planning permission builders etc

As this is a new area of work for **SCVS** fieldworkers, it is hoped that a working party can be set up to ensure that the system is working efficiently, to share skills with regards securing premises, to make representations to the Council with regards their allocations policy to to voluntary organisation and to act as a pressure group to challenge discriminatory practices by local authorities. If you would like to be a member of such a working party, please contact **Ai Meun Lim**

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

17TH JUNE

### VOLUNTARY SECTOR SALARIES WORKING PARTY

Mike Geater, the Chair of Community Affairs stated at the meeting his firm commitment to implementing council policy originally set out in the 1982 Manifesto of ensuring equality between the voluntary sector and the council on salaries. He confirmed that the working party would continue to meet to sort out the many issues still outstanding. This includes a commitment to look at pensions in the voluntary sector.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BUSINESS AS USUAL?

#### A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT - ACT 1986 (Part "2")

The local government information unit have produced a very comprehensive guide on the section of this act dealing with publicity and campaigning material produced either by local Authorities themselves or by voluntary organisations they fund.

As we reported in a previous news letter, the original wording of this act which would have seriously restricted the kinds of information that could have been produced, has now been amended in the Lords and the restrictions are now much more narrowly defined. Some organisations will want to know exactly where they stand now on the issue of publicity and campaigning and this guide sets this out clearly.

There is also a section on Part III which relates to the restriction of publicity powers under section 142:

Obtainable from: Local Government Information Unit, 1-5 BATH ST, LONDON EC1V 9QQ

Tel: 608-1051

## PUBLICATION.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

The financing of local authorities and how they spend their money has always been contentious but probably never more so than in the last couple of years. The debate, between a centralising Government determined to cut public expenditure and local councils trying to control ever dwindling budgets and powers, was always bound to be fierce. It will continue until those underlying tensions are resolved. The problem has been that participation in this debate about the future of local government has been restricted to the few who can understand the financing of local government, who know the options and what is possible.

This book is a guide for councillors, trade unionists, in fact anyone who has an active interest in local government. It explains the key issues and the mechanisms by which they are manipulated.

It is an invaluable guide and an important contribution to the debate.

The book is over 60 pages long. It covers all of the following issues in detail and has ideas for action that can be taken locally.

#### \* COUNCIL SPENDING AND COUNCIL INCOME

#### \*CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL EXPENDITURE

#### \*THE LOCAL COUNCIL BUDGET

#### \*LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND EMPLOYMENT

For more information write to: Government Information Unit, 1-5 Bath Street, London. EC1V 9QQ  
Tel: 01-6081051

### VOLCUF UNDER FIVES BOOKFAIR.

BOOKS : TALKS : FUN : AND : COMPETITIONS,  
BOOK BONANZA at the THOMAS CORAM FOUNDATION 3-5 JULY 1986  
Details from: VOLCUF  
c/o THOMAS CORAM FOUNDATION.  
40 BRUNSWICK SQUARE, LONDON WC1N  
Tel: 278 : 3459.



## CHARITIES VAT REFORM GROUP

We have received in the office a briefing note on the concessions made on VAT for Charities introduced in this years budget. They report however that there are still grey areas where organisations maybe unclear and would have to be checked with the local VAT office.

### AREAS COVERED INCLUDE:

ADVERTISING for fund raising or educational purposes

MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

VIDEO AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT

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WELFARE VEHICLES

SOUND RECORDING EQUIPMENT for blind people.

Each section states the procedure for relief of VAT.

If you want a copy of this information sheet phone SCVS

### BUILDING FOR CHILDCARE

A booklet about making better buildings for the under - 5s. 'Building for Childcare' is for anyone wanting to set up a new childcare provision or to improve existing facilities for the under 5s.

We have found there is no 'best' childcare building - there aren't any easy answers. But at the same time many existing buildings do not meet the needs of children, parents or workers. In a world where even decisions about childcare design are predominantly made by men, we want to give women more say.

For more information contact: 'Building for Childcare', The Information and Campaigns Team, Womens Committee Support, Unit, Greater London Council, County Hall, London. SE1 7PB



## JOBS

**DOCKLANDS CHILDCARE PROJECT NEEDS A PART TIME PROJECT WORKER** (17½ hrs) to work on planning and community issues concerning under fives and their carers in the Docklands boroughs. Funded by The Richmond scheme until March 1987. SAE for details and application form: to **Docklands child-Care Project, Brady Centre, 192, Hanbury Street, E1 5HU.** Tel: 247-3756  
**Closing date: 8th JULY 1986.**  
**WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.**

**SECRETARY TO DOCKLANDS FORUM**(part-time position)  
The Docklands Forum is looking for a secretary to take on the responsibility for the organisation's busy office and to give support to both the management committee and its membership of 53 groups. Experience of taking minutes, setting a budget, making grant applications and word processing is required. Some experience of the voluntary sector/Local government and also compiling a computer database would be desirable but training will be given if necessary.  
The secretary would be expected to work as part of a team of six 20 Hours per week at **501 pro rata** the hours spread over four days preferably. Attendance at some evening meetings would be required.  
**DOCKLANDS FORUM IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER. WE WELCOME APPLICANTS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IRRESPECTIVE OF SEX OR ETHNIC ORIGIN.**

For further information contact:  
**The Administrator, DOCKLANDS FORUM, 192 HANBURY ST, London E1**  
Tel: 377-1822 **Closing date JULY 7**

**CONSORTIUM.** An established federation of non-statutory agencies in S.E. London, working to improve facilities for single homeless women & men, those with alcohol or drug-related problems, and ex-offenders, **NEEDS A- HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS DEVELOPMENT WORKER - 4 DAY/WEEK.**

**THE SOUTH LONDON CHILDREN'S SCRAP SCHEME.**

**WAREHOUSE WORKER.** 21 hrs per wk. Salary £4793. Will deal with public, take fees, stock and clean warehouse. 25+, clean driving licence essential. Knowledge of children's play desirable. Post funded initially until 31.3.87.

**SUMMER PLAYScheme OUTREACH WORKER** (L.B.Lambeth Funded) 36 hrs per wk. 8 weeks from 7.7.86 to 29.8.86. Approx £195 p.w. To run w/shops, deliver materials and produce worksheets for play-schemes. 25+ clean driving license, play experience essential. Closing date 4.7.86.  
**ART/ADMIN WORKER MSC (C.P.)** funded £40 for 20 hours (awaiting confirmation). To assist development worker plan/publicize education events programme. Art, Graphics, office admin interests desirable. Training available.

Details/application forms 698 9280, or write S.L.C.S.S. 163 Verdant Lane, SE6 1TP.

### PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR, SOUTHWARK ENVIRONMENT TRUST

Applicants are invited for the post of Co-ordinator, in the first instance to cover the maternity leave of the existing co-ordinator but with the likelihood of it developing into an additional post.  
The post to take effect from September, 1986.

S.E.T. is looking for a versatile worker with relevant experience and expertise in environmental issues. Candidates should have an interest in some of the following Environmental Science, Ecology, Design and Planning, Education and Community Affairs.  
Fundraising will be a vital part of the work.

Hours: 36 per week (part time negotiable)  
Pay: £11,225 per annum (NJC conditions)  
Further details: Contact:  
Jan Ross, Southwark Environment Trust, 48 Willowbrook Road, Peckham. SE15. Tel: 732 5123

### NEWS\* NEWS\* NEWS\* NEWS\* NEWS\*

\* Women Demonstrate against Male Violence. **NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION & RALLY FOR WOMEN. on SATURDAY 26th JULY 1986**  
**Every one should assemble at**

\* **SPEAKERS CORNER 12 noon \***

## JOB SHARING

New ways to work introduction to job sharing. NEW WAYS TO WORK has a number of publications dealing with different aspects of job sharing. If you want to know more about these subjects:

**JOB SHARING: A guide for employees £1.00.**

**Employment Rights and Conditions. £1.00.**

**Job Sharing v Job Splitting £1.00**

**Job Sharing and Voluntary Organisations £1.50.**

**Job Sharing and Statutory Sick pay £1.00.**

**Job Sharing: An Introduction for Employers 4 page factsheet 25p**  
**Job Sharing: An Annotated Bibliography.** Useful guide for researchers and students 50p.

If you would like to order any of these publications **NEW WAYS TO WORK.** Is at 309, Upper Street, London N1 2TY.

**Tel 226-4026.**

## EVENTS

**THE PECKHAM BLACK WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Thursday 3rd July 1986 commencing at 7pm at  
**Southwark Women's Centre**  
**6 Peckham High Street**  
**S.E.5.**

**SPEAKER FROM SOUTHWARK BLACK SISTERS TO TALK ON BLACK WOMEN ORGANISING**

**Free Asian food and creche**  
**BLACK WOMEN ONLY**

### BLAKES I.T. RESOURCE CENTRE.

We are looking for volunteers who can support paid workers in as many areas of the programme as possible.

#### August

**Monday 4th/12th Pool & Snooker. Fitness Training (W.P.) & (S.P.) Street Hockey (W.P.) & (S.P.)**

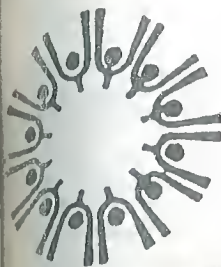
**Tuesday 5th & 12th Pool snooker 12th Volleyball (S.P.) Basketball (S.P.)**

**Wednesday 6th & 13th Pool, snooker. Trampoline (W.P.) Trampoline (S.P.), Street Hockey (W.P.) Street Hockey (S.P.)**  
**Thursday 7th Margate.**

**Friday 8th Snooker and Pool Unihoc(S.P.)**

**Friday 15th Volleyball (S.P.)**  
For more information Contact:  
Nadya Cascoe Senior Youth Worker  
Blakes I.T. Resource Centre  
90 Blakes Road, SE15.





# Southwark

## Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

Telephone: 01-732 3731

# AUGUST 1986

# NEWSLETTER

## OPEN FORUM

About 15 organisations were represented at the SCVS Open Forum held at the Town Hall on 25th June. The main speakers were Anne Matthews the Leader of the Council and Anna Whyatt, the Chief Executive.

Both the Leader and the Chief Executive outline the Borough's plans for the future. The themes outlined reflect those which certainly voluntary organisations would see as being major areas requiring large piece of work in the Borough.

These are:-

- POVERTY The Borough is limited in what it can do but issues such as low pay will be looked at - More special help for the Borough will be sought from the DoE.

- EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES Voluntary Organisations have felt for some time that the Borough was not pushing ahead vigorously enough with an equal opportunities policy and will look forward to seeing the Borough taking much more a lead on this issue in the future. This will include positive action for people with disabilities.

- JOBS & INCOMES

The Borough will be looking at ways of generating more jobs in the Borough including looking at how work for the council itself can generate more jobs locally rather than creating jobs outside the Borough.

### - DECENTRALISATION

There is now a renewed commitment to pursuing decentralisation

### - FINANCE

Southwark is grossly underfunded by the government in relation to its needs. Southwark will be lobbying the government more intensively and looking for other sources of money. Southwark needs £12m of Growth which cannot be financed at the moment.

The Leader described how each department of the Council had been asked to put together an action plan for the next four years in the light of the themes outlined. These plans would include working in partnership with the voluntary sector. However there has not been any discussion about this with the voluntary sector yet despite the fact that many community organisation would have a lot to contribute.

### - THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR MANIFESTO

The manifesto outlines the commitment to support voluntary organisations and community groups including:-

- i) ensuring that workers in the voluntary sector are adequately paid.
- (ii) ensuring that voluntary sector workers have comparable conditions of service.
- (iii) providing a resource network to community groups.

(iv) ensuring that voluntary organisations have access to professional skills in the council

On the last point the leader was asked whether the council would consider offering organisations the opportunity to have salaries paid through the payroll and the leader agreed that this could be explored.

The Chief Executive saw the future relationship between the voluntary sector and the Borough as one of partnership and this was stressed several times

The leader and the Chief Executive emphasized that community groups and voluntary organisations particularly newly funded ones, need much more support than at present.

On the Conditions of Grant Aid the Leader said that about 1/3 of all groups had signed and that at that point groups still had the opportunity to appeal. We outlined some of the problems that groups are at present having in their relationship with the Council.

### FUNDING & PREMISES

After the Leader and Chief Executive had left the meeting discussed two SCVS suggestions.

One was that the voluntary sector form a Premises Working Party to try to find better ways of helping voluntary organisations seeking premises.

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The SCVS staff member to contact if you can contribute to this working party is **AI MEUN**

The other area is **Funding**.

This working party will look at Trusts and other non-Local Authority sources of funding as well as re-examining local authority funding (e.g. revive the attempts to get grants onto a more secure basis than the annual renewal cycle).

**Liz Dunn** is the SCVS staff member who should be contacted on this

Both working parties will need to respond to the fact that currently black self-help groups have particular difficulty in getting their fair share of premises or money.

Both working parties urgently need volunteers.

It was agreed that the Forum should become a Quarterly event giving community organisa-

tions an opportunity to meet and develop thinking. It would also give SCVS a more broad based reference group to consult in setting work priorities.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 17th September at 7p.m.** Venue to be announced later.

## CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

Thank you to the groups who have sent us copies of their letters appealing against the Conditions of Grant Aid. It would be helpful if any other organisations who have written to lodge an appeal sent SCVS a copy to ensure that we can exchange information between groups on what is happening.

The letter to social services groups stated

'Release of grant for the second quarter will be delayed if signed acceptance has not been received'.

## URBAN AID

### TRADITIONAL URBAN AID IN SOUTHWARK 1987/88.

Southwark Council invites local organisations and groups to submit projects for consideration under the Government's Urban Programme.

Funded projects begin after April 1987 for the 1987/88 financial year and the following 4 years. Projects should be Southwark based and benefit people or areas within the Borough with particular social needs.

(Projects which operate within the London Docklands Development Corporation area are not eligible to apply).

The range of projects which are eligible include: **Cultural, Educational, Environmental, Social and Recreational Schemes.** Application forms are available from:

**Jones Sarkodieh.**

**Rm 404.**

**Town Hall, Peckham Road,  
London SE5 8UB.**

**Tel: 703 6311 Ext 2251.**

The closing date for the return of completed application forms is **MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 1986.**

However we are assured that this was meant to mean acceptance or an appeal and that no groups will have money withheld because they have appealed. It is a little puzzling however to know why in their own terms Social Services had to send out a circular letter like that dated 11th April when the community affairs committee on 10th February (in a paper stressing how little resistance there was to the conditions) had already been told "all Social Service groups have signed". (The answer is that they had not).

We do not yet know what the arrangements are for the appeal or for the review which was promised after the first year of operation (i.e. April 87).

### SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Southwark Councils Community Affairs Committee will once more be making money available to Community Groups and organisations in the Borough in the form of small one off grants. The total sum currently available for these grants is £12,300 and the maximum for any single grant will not normally exceed £1,000. This year Community Affairs Committee will especially welcome applications from Black and ethnic minority groups, Women's Groups, and Groups representing people with disabilities, whose activities fall within the terms of reference of the Community Affairs Committee.

If you think that your group or organisation would like to make an application and you need advice or help Contact the SCVS Fieldworkers on 732-3731.

or the Council's Community Development Section on 703-6311  
**Exts 2260/2163**

Application forms for the grant can be obtained from Debbie Reev or Pauline Stone,

**Room 2.06, Town Hall, Peckham Road  
London SE5 8UB** or ring the above

The closing date for the return of completed application forms is **Wednesday 27th August 1986**

### UNITED NATIONS WEEK: OCT 18

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If your organisation is putting on (or could put on) any event during this period which you would like included in the **United Nations Week** publicity please contact:-

**John Cottle, 40, Kings Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR1 1LS. Tel No:- 778-2979**



## SOUTHWARK AGAINST RACIST ATTACKS S.A.R.A.

S.A.R.A. is a newly formed campaigning group based in Peckham. Racist attacks have increased recently in the area and the group has been formed in response to these attacks. There has been one planning meeting so far and the group intends to fundraise, leaflet the area and organise a planning party to increase the general awareness of the presence of fascist elements in the area. And the work of the campaign-----  
**WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER PUBLICITY\*\***

## **MARXISM TODAY PRESENTS IN** **ASSOCIATION WITH CITY LIMITS** **MAGAZINE** **COMMON PURSUITS** **COMMON POLITICS BEYOND THE GLC**

SATURDAY 12TH JULY  
The Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd,  
Hammersmith. London.

The GLC's cultural policies on sports, arts, etc. Have received international acclaim and national condemnation from some quarters. Everything from gay arts festivals to Gaelic football and the London Marathon to Rembrandts at Kenwood House became political issues. This event is being staged to celebrate and critically examine this unique initiative and its wider implications. It will bring together commentators and practitioners, academics and activists, covering not just the traditional 'arts' but other areas of 'popular culture'-sport, libraries and pop festivals. Topics under discussion will include:

Popular Culture and the State.  
The GLC and the New Social Movements. The Cultural Industries. "The Populist Touch". Amongst the many speakers will be:

Naseem Khan, Ken Livingstone, Pat Coleman, Rick Gruneau, Angela McRobbie, Alan Tomkins, Stuart Hall John Pick, Sylvia Harvey, David Edgar, Jill Hanscombe, Frank Mort, Ken Warpole, Sandra Horne, Alan Tomlinson, Tony Hollingsworth, Vittorio Campione, Kathy Myers, John Akomfrah, Roy Lockett.

Tickets £5 waged/£3 unwaged  
Food, bar and other refreshments available. Creche facilities are available throughout the day.

For more information contact:  
Common Pursuits, Marxism Today,  
16, St. John Street, London. EC1  
Tel. 251 4406.

## INFORMATION

### GREATER LONDON STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

For all your office supplies (eg) Paper, Pens, Pencils, etc, and office equipment, photocopier Typewriters etc. We specialise in supplying Voluntary organisations Co-Operatives and Businesses We can deliver your orders fast, All printing of office stationery leaflets, etc,  
contact us on 907-9567 for a visit.

278, Uppingham Avenue.  
Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 2JS.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**SOUTHWARK CO-OPERATIVE**  
**DEVELOPMENT AGENCY is**  
**moving on June 29th to:**

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**Kennington Workshops,**  
**42 Braganza St**  
**London SE 17.**

**Nearest Tube: Kennington**

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**Our new telephone number**  
**there is: 735 6066**

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**We will be closed to the**  
**public for the first two**  
**weeks of July.**

### SOUTHWARK PARK.

Southwark Council has spent more than £150,000 providing a new safety minded playground which contains the most up to date equipment available, and which also caters for children with disabilities. They hope to have the playground properly staffed to enable parents to enjoy other activities within the park. The Leisure and Recreation committee hope that the facilities provided will fulfill the needs of all the children of the area and hope that in the future, funds will be available to renew other playgrounds in Southwark along the same lines.

### THE FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Needs Donations of: Tables, Dining Chairs, Easy Chairs, Chest of Draw, Beds in usable condition, and will collect for no charge. All donations of furniture go to community groups, or people in need.

Contact: FWA, Hope Sfferance  
Wharf, 61a, St. Mary Church St,  
Tel: 237 1515.

### CAN YOU HELP ?

Citizen Advocacy in Camberwell is looking for special volunteers - we call them advocates.

Some local people are facing big changes in their lives...

- They may be moving out of a hospital or hostel to live in an ordinary home in the Camberwell area.
- They may be leaving school.
- Their parents may have died or perhaps are very old.

These people also have a mental handicap.

People with a mental handicap often find it difficult to speak up for themselves, maybe because they are shy or because they find talking a difficult thing to do.

We need local volunteers who will help speak up for a new friend, especially if they are getting a 'raw deal' or have a hard time expressing obvious needs.

We need local volunteers who can include a new friend in their lives from time to time.

We offer a short training course and lots of follow up meetings and support.

If you can help, or may know someone who can, please get in touch Ring Kathy or Carole on 708 1408 or write or call at our office-

Citizen Advocacy in Camberwell,  
Cambridge House,  
131, Camberwell Road,  
SE5 0HF.

### MUTUAL AID PLACEMENT SCHEME MANAGING AGENCY

Is your Community Group or Voluntary Organisation unable to offer an ideal service to your clients because of staff shortages and lack of resources?

Do you need an extra pair of hands (or two?)

Would you like to help a long-term unemployed person at the same time as you help yourselves?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the Mutual Aid Placement Scheme may be able to solve your problem.

The Municipal Placement Scheme is being set up to help community and other voluntary projects who need extra staff, but haven't money, time or the management resources. CONTACT: Peter Walsh  
SCHEME MANAGER - 733-6333.



## INFORMATION CONT.....

### NEW PECKHAM VARIETIES.

**4.0 CLOCK ARTS CLUB.** Arts work-shops for children are held daily during term time at St Luke's Centre, by St Lukes Church, off Pentridge St, SE15.

The programme now includes:  
**Monday: DRAMA 7-14 yr 4pm.** leader Teresa Early.

**Tuesday: MODERN DANCE 3-6yrs 3.30 7-14 yrs 4pm.** leader Andy Smith.

**Wednesday: Nicks Music. Bottle Band 7-14yrs 4pm.** Leader Nick.

**Thursday: Puppet Making 7-14 yrs 4pm** Leader Ali MacLaurin.

**Friday: Singing 3-6yrs 3.30pm and 7-14yrs 4pm.** Leader Michelle Halil from Soundworks.

**TAP DANCING: 3-6yrs 3.30pm 7-14yr 4pm** Leader Teresa Early. Held at JOHN DONNE SCHOOL, WOODS LANE SE15

**MEMBERSHIP £1.00 ALL CLASSES 20p**  
**Tel: 708 : 4954.**



### TWO TONE YOUTH CLUB

Two Tone Youth Club Theatre is a new youth theatre group under the umbrella of New Peckham Varieties. After last summers production of 'Off the Map' the group has been grant aided through Thames Television to set up a new series of workshops leading to production under the direction of Suzy Gilmour.

Suzy Gilmour has worked extensively with Bloodgroup Theatre Company and the Observation Tower Company, (most recently in 'Strokes of Genius' at the ICA and 'The Ballybum Papers' at Oval House and at the Young Writers Theatre Festival.) She directed the last Tricycle Youth Theatre production, which was highly successful and appeared at the National Youth Theatre Festival of Great Britain. The group is open to young people aged between 16-25, for pre-production workshops starting June 13th.

Further information contact:  
Teresa Early/Liz Smith on 708-4954.

**DO YOU NEED HELP TO PRODUCE A POSTER, NEWSLETTER, LEAFLET, MAGAZINE OR BOOK?**

For friendly, professional advice on all aspects of production design, typesetting, artwork, printing

Contact: LASSO

**WOMENS CO-OPERATIVE on 267-1284.**  
LNTN Building, 86-100 St Pancras, Way London NW1 9ES.

### TO ALL ARTS ORGANISATIONS FROM SOUTHWARK ARTS COUNCIL

#### RE:-SCAN

We are in the process of forming an editorial body to revive SCAN as a regular bi-monthly publication. We believe that the idea of \$CAN as something more than just a news-letter holds a wealth of promise, but it must reflect the concerns and interests of a broad base of arts groups and individuals working in Southwark. We are therefore keen to hear from anybody, from member groups, who would be interested in joining editorial body on a regular basis, or anyone who welcomes the opportunity to use the magazine as an outlet for issues relevant to the arts in this borough.

We are particularly interested to hear from people involved in ethnic project or working with the handicap.

With your involvement we can create a vital and important publication.

It would also be most helpful if each member organisation of the Arts Council would nominate someone as a representative to liaise with the SCAN editorial team. Please forward names, addresses and telephone numbers to the address below:-

Please contact:

Peter McLean,  
c/o., Cafe Gallery,  
By the Pool,  
Southwark Park,  
SE16.

Office Tel No: 237 1230/232 1106

### SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**"WHAT IS OUR COMMON VOICE AND HOW WILL IT BE REPRESENTED?"**

A discussion and planning day to consider and plan further action on:

- \* London's input into the 'national structure for community development' debate.

- \* Creating a forum for representing London's voice.

**TUESDAY 8TH JULY 10-4**

National Childrens Bureau  
8 Wakeley Street, London. N1  
(nearest tube Angel)  
(Wheelchair access)

for more information contact:  
London Voluntary Service Council,  
68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR  
or telephone: 01 388 0241

### HOW TO START A CO-OP AND MAKE IT WORK

Would you like to know more about how to get work for yourself (and your friends)? Work which will suit you and your interests, allowing you to work how you want to work.

**WHY NOT FIND OUT ABOUT CO-OPS?**  
Lambeth Co-op Development Agency and Morley College has organised a **FREE 8 WEEK TRAINING COURSE** (3 days a week for 8 weeks in July/August).

The course will give positive help to people interested in starting a business as a worker co-operative. It will include training in working collectively and all aspects of business management.

**FREE CRECHE AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**  
Come to our introductory session and find out more!

at: Morley College,  
61, Westminster Bridge Road,  
London.- SE1(near Lambeth North tube) on Wednesday June 18th from 10am to 12noon.

For more details contact:  
Mukesh or Sheila on 582 0003  
(Lambeth COA) or Steve Glennon on 928 8501 ext 161 (Morley College)

### ZURIYA THEATRE COMPANY

During the months of August and September will be holding a wide range of workshop covering all aspects of theatrical skills with the added bonus of performing the finished work. Whilst no formal training is necessary participants will be expected to show enthusiasm. The project being undertaken is based on the dramatic poem **CHAKA** by L.S.SENGHOR with music by **AKIN EUBA** who will be in London during the period to collaborate with **ZURIYA THEATRE COMPANY**. The workshop will run for six weeks and will be based at the **CLUB OF DANCE AND SELF-DEFENCE, PARAGON SCHOOL SEARLES ROAD, LONDON SE1**.

We are looking for participants in the following areas  
(1) **SINGING** (2) **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC** (3) **DANCERS** (4) **STAGE DESIGN** - Participants will be given an opportunity to assist in stage design and construction.  
(5) **ACTING** (6) **COSTUME DESIGN AND LIGHTING TECHNIQUE**.

For more information contact:  
**ZURIYA THEATRE COMPANY,**  
38, Brixton Road, London. SW9 6BT  
Tel: 01 582 9479.



## URBAN AID SURGERIES

HELP WITH FILLING IN THE  
APPLICATION FORM AND HOW TO  
PRESENT YOUR PROJECT WELL

SCVS is organising 2 surgeries to help voluntary organisations think about what should go into the application.

We are available on **Wednesday 13th August 2.00-7.00** and **Wednesday 3rd September 2.00-7.00**.

Because of staff holidays please could you let us know if you are coming. If your organisation cannot come at these times please phone us and make an appointment for another time.

**N.B.** If SCVS door is locked please ring the bell.

## AUGUST CLOSING

### OFFICE CLOSING IN AUGUST

- The SCVS front door will be locked from August 11th to 22nd.
- We will still be seeing people but please make an appointment.
- Please ring the bell when you come.

## PUBLICATIONS

### LONG TERM UNEMPLOYMENT.

A practical handbook of new skills for:

- \* Social Workers.
- \* Health Visitors.
- \* Employment Workers.
- \* Probation Officers.
- \* Advice Workers.

and all others who care.  
What can you do to ease the suffering of the long term unemployed? What do you do when you are confronted with your client's hopelessness and despair for the future? How can you help a depressed and anxious family? If

If you want to order the handbook contact: **PEPAR Publications**  
Dept. UM  
50 Knightlow Road,  
Harborne, Birmingham B17 8QB.

### PENSION.

Abbey Life would be interested to hear from any voluntary organisations considering pension plans for employees who are not already covered.

Local representative:-

**VICTOR MENGOT,**

**ABBEE LIFE.**

**708-5458.**

Victor Mengot came to SCVS after being asked for a pension plan of staff of another voluntary organisation. He spotted that many voluntary sector staff do not have pension arrangements, and as he lives locally he came into SCVS to ask for our mailing list. We do not give this out to commercial undertakings, but we do want to encourage thought about pensions. He was interested so I invited him back on **9th September** at **10.am** in case any people from voluntary and community organisations want to hear him explain some of the options they could do. It is also a way of trying to draw peoples attention to this important area. It is not based on knowledge about the relative merits of any scheme.

### LEWISHAM AND NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1986

At the election meeting held at Deptford Town Hall on Wednesday, 21st May the following were elected for a term for four years commencing September 1st 1986.

**Yvonne Bohnl -**

nominated by the Samaritans

**John Christie -**

nominated by the Association of Jamaicans UK Trust

**Fiona Jack -**

nominated by the Deptford Centre

**June Jolly -**

nominated by the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital

Should any of these members resign for any reason, their place would be taken by Mrs N.S. Hawkins, nominated by Age Concern Lewisham, who had the next highest number of votes.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation in these elections.

### THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S NEWS.

The magazine that will be a forum for discussion of, by and for women in the Third World.

The guiding principles of Third World Womens News.

\* are to provide Third World Women with a vehicle for discussion which conveys the actuality of their experience

\* To expose every aspect of sexual injustice, recognising no taboos, and to combat discrimination in all its forms.

\* To counteract the prevailing media image of Third World Women as exotic sex objects or passive victims of disaster.

\* To facilitate dialogue between Third and First World women, and to use the skills of First World women to promote Third World womens interests.

For more information on this contact: **THIRD WORLD WOMENS NEWS**  
**KWAME NKIRMAH HOUSE, 173, OLD ST,**  
**London EC1 6NJ.**

### ALCOHOL SERVICES.

A Directory for England and Wales  
\* Day services.

\* Residential projects. \* Advice and counselling services. \* Community alcohol teams. \* Councils on alcoholism. \* Hospital treatment. \* Private clinics.

Now completely updated, following the success of the first 1982 edition, this is still the only comprehensive directory of alcohol services, statutory and voluntary, in England and Wales. Price £10 or £7 to members and bulk order discount ISBN I 86981 4002.

For more information on how to order this publication contact:  
**Alcohol Concern,**

**305 Gray's Inn Road,**  
**London WC1X 8QF.**

**Tel: 833-3471.**



# JOBS

## BOOK KEEPER AND CENTRE WORKER

### SOUTHWARK WOMENS ACTION GROUP

Southwark Women's Centre and Bus need:

A Book keeper, one day a week (Fri preferred) Experience of voluntary/womens groups necessary plus organising ability, experience of servicing management committees and setting up office routines. Budgeting, bank reconciliations, wages, end of year books. £4.50 per hour.

ALSO a Lesbian Centre worker 17½ hours per week. Experience in working with women, awareness of womens' and local issues an advantage. Scale 6 Point 23. FOR BOTH JOBS. Black and Ethnic minority (including Irish and Jewish) women and women with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

FOR APPLICATION FORM: contact: SWAG 2 - 6, Peckham High St. SE15. Tel. 701 2564

### WOMEN'S ADVICE AND COUNSELLING SERVICE, THE ALBANY, DOUGLAS WAY, LONDON SE8 TEL. 692 6268

**Wanted F/T Co-ordinator/Development worker. For the Women's Advice and Counselling Service.** We are a multi-racial independent project, offering a Free one-door counselling/advice service for women by women based at the Albany.

We are looking for a committed worker to work in a collective way alongside our volunteers and students, who are actively involved on providing the service

We are looking for someone with experience of working in the community. Counselling skills would be an advantage.

Application would be welcome from all women regardless of race, age, sexuality or disabilities.

Salary: £9,471.00 incl. London Weighting. Closing date 8th August, 1986. For further information please contact Noreen on 01-692-6268 or 692-0231 x 215.

## THE SOUTHWARK ENVIRONMENT TRUST.

### Project Co-Ordinator

Applicants are invited for the post of Co-ordinator, in the first instance to cover the maternity leave of the existing co-ordinator but with the likelihood of it developing into an additional post. The post to take effect from September, 1986.

S.E.T. is looking for a versatile worker with relevant experience and expertise in environmental issues. Candidates should have an interest in some of the following Environmental Science, Ecology, Design and Planning, Education and Community Affairs. Fundraising will be a vital part of the work.

Hours: 36 per week (part time neg)  
Pay: £11,225 per annum (NJC conditions) for further details: Contact Jan Rose, S.E.T. 48, Willowbrook Rd, Peckham. SE15 Tel: 732-5123.

S.E.T. is an equal opportunities employer.

The **ALBANY**, a multi-racial social action and community centre in Deptford requires a **STUDENT UNIT SUPERVISOR**

This four day a week post is for someone with a **CQSW/CSS** qualification and with previous experience of supervising students/training staff. The suitable candidate should have personal experience of and commitment to working with the black community, and to developing and implementing anti-racist and anti-sexist social work training and practice.

The work involves contact with a range of community work and advice projects in the Albany and the many colleges sending students on placement to us.

**SALARY: £11,200 per annum** (pro-rata). 30 days annual leave (pro rata).

Contact:- **Jenny Read** - The Albany, Douglas Way, SE8. Tel No- **692-0231**.

**CLOSING DATE: 23 September 1986**

# INFORMATION

## DON'T BANK WITH BARCLAYS BANK

\* EALING COUNCIL ARE CONSIDERING NOT GRANT AIDING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHICH BANK WITH BARCLAYS

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### SOUTHWARK DOCKLANDS CAMPAIGN OFFER OF OFFICE FURNITURE

Southwark Docklands Campaign have some office furniture to sell. They are in good condition, they have 3 Desks, 750mm x 1500 sizes. 3 Grey filing cabinets 4 Draw filing Cabinet, a Typist Chair (older). A 3 way combination Ladder, 2 Commercial Drawing Boards sizes 1000 x 1550. Reasonable offers to SDC,

For more information contact: Peter Walkerley, 233 Lower Road, London SE16. Tel: 231-9340.

## UMOJA THEATRE COMPANY

### UMOJA THEATRE COMPANY TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES

Umoja Theatre Company are looking for unemployed men and women to train on a six weeks intensive course in Technical Management.

Course application are now being accepted from ethnic minorities who would benefit from this training in order to pursue a career as a lighting/sound technician, designer or stage manager.

The course will include basic theory, practical exercises, supervised placements and projects.

Interviews for selection will be held in early August. The course will begin in September. Apply immediately. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES OR TRAINING REQUIRED.**

Contact:- **Gloria, Alex, or Dennis** Umoja Theatre Company. St. Michael's Vicarage Annexe TThompson's Avenue, Bethwin Rd, SE5. Tel No:- **701-6396**.





# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane SE15

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## SEPTEMBER 1986

## NEWSLETTER

### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO URBAN AID ?

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO URBAN AID.

A report in the Guardian on Saturday 9th August reported that the small part of the Urban Programme that Southwark gets each year called Urban Aid (TUP) is being phased out. We had been predicting something like this for some time as money to TUP dwindled year by year. For the year starting April 86' only three projects were funded in Southwark.

Southwark has now been included with 22 other Authorities which previously only received Urban Aid, in the Inner City Programme which funds under the Urban Areas Act 1978. Existing Urban Aided Projects will continue to get their funding through TUP until they are time expired. This does not mean that Southwark has now got Programme status in terms of cash available to Southwark.

There is £20m less available in the National Urban Programme compared to last year and this cut represents a greater cut than the value of the phased out TUP. It rather looks as if the reduced total allocation will be spread much more thinly between the Programme Authorities. We do not yet know what this means for Southwark or for its Voluntary Sector. This has still to be worked out and voluntary organisations will have to be part of that discussion. What we do know is that the Government

favours economic & environmental projects for funding under the Urban Programme and is indicating less enthusiasm about what the DOE describe as 'Social Projects! This could be bad news for the voluntary sector but it is yet too early to tell.

The Borough is now publicising the new programme and is emphasising that the DOE favours economic & environmental projects. A closing date has been announced by Southwark for applications 17th October 1986.

The Leader and Chief Executive has already talked to the voluntary sector about partnership at the July meeting of SCVSs new open Forum for community organisations. (see previous newsletter) In relation to the new Urban Programme funding, this may become a very specific issue.

It will be very important to ensure that the voluntary sector in Southwark does not lose out. We will be discussing this at the Open Forum on **MONDAY 6th OCTOBER** at **BELLS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE BULLER CLOSE, SE15** at 7-00pm.

SCVS staff are preparing draft guidelines on voluntary, statutory sector relations, as a number of problems has developed.

SCVS hopes all organisations in the Borough will contribute to the thinking on the guidelines.

#### UPDATE / URBAN AID.

##### AN UPDATE ON URBAN AID:

**NB** Many Organisations had put together their application for Urban Aid before the proposals came from the DOE, so the new proposals have come mid stream and at very short notice.

No organisation should be put off if their's is a social project application, by the emphasis on the new criteria which favours economic and environmental projects. The Borough is indicating in the weekly Information Digest, 1-7 September that because of the predominance of current social schemes their chances of success this year are less.

It is important at this stage that all organisations press on with their applications for whatever project they have in mind.

It is very important that the need for new initiatives are registered with the Council.

The voluntary sector in Southwark will need to examine in the next few weeks what the new DOE proposals will mean and make representation to the Council.

Enclosed in this mailing is a notice for voluntary organisations in the six Boroughs declared Programme areas.

Anyone is welcome to attend and it would be useful if Southwark organisations were well represented.

The meeting is on Thursday 25th at 10 o'clock at THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, 90, CENTRAL ST. LONDON EC1.

Please come to the Open Forum meeting on 6th October to discuss these proposals further.

**NB** Time-expired projects still do not know about future funding the Borough has called a meeting for all these groups on the afternoon of 6th October.

It would be useful to have a report back from this meeting the evening.



## URBAN AID 1987/88

### URBAN AID IN SOUTHWARK, 1987/88

An advertisement was placed in this paper by the Council inviting applicants to make bids under the OOE's Traditional Urban Programme, 1987/88.

The DoE in a recent announcement indicated that the Traditional Urban Programme is defunct although existing grant commitments will be honoured.

Southwark is one of the restricted number of local authorities who have now been given a new Programme Authority Status.

Projects to be considered under this new arrangement will be both statutory and voluntary schemes but the OoE has made it clear that there should be a strong emphasis on economic and environmental schemes.

Southwark Council invites local organisations and groups to submit projects under this new arrangement. (Those who have already applied through the first advert will be sent copies of the new application forms to apply).

Funded projects begin in April, 1987 for the 1987/88 financial year.

Projects should be Southwark based and should benefit people within the borough. (Projects which operate within the London Docklands Development Corporation area are not eligible to apply).

For further information and application forms, please contact Jones Sarkodieh.

Room 404

Town Hall,

Peckham Road,

London SE5 8UB

Tel: 703 6311 Ext 2251/2115.

The closing date for the return of completed application forms is **FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER 1986.**



## CO-ORDINATION OF SERVICES FOR UNDER FIVES IN SOUTHWARK.



REGISTRATION 10/10-30am

Tea & Coffee. Tour of exhibition

INTRODUCTION 10-30 10-40 am

Councillor Tony Goss, Chair of Social Services Cttee, Southwark.

CO-ORDINATION OF SERVICES FOR UNDER FIVES. 10-40 12.40pm

Principal Speaker: Or Martin Bradley HMI, Nottingham-author of report on co-ordination of services.

Social Services: Dennis Simpson, Director of Social Services SWK.

I.L.E.A.: Pauline Walsh, Early Years Inspector, I.L.E.A. Anti racist and Anti sexist strategies Voluntary sector: Rosemary Sage, National Childrens Bureau-Under Fives Integration, information & innovation.

Chair: Anna Whyatt, Chief Exec. and Town Clerk, Southwark. (Time allowed for questions) 12-40 - 2-00pm **LUNCH to include Vegetarian Menu.**

2-00/3-00pm: **WORKSHOPS.**

1. Under fives - the library response.
2. Building Blocks Anti-racist work.
3. The Road show-traffic education for under fives.
4. Parents as partners in practical maths (I.L.E.A.).
5. Story telling - Tambe Roy and Beulah Candappa.
6. Bi-Lingual Under fives. ILEA.
7. Food and Diet. (SSD).
8. Using Anti racist materials (SSD).
9. Parental Involvement. (SSD).
10. Under Fives with Special Needs. (SSD).

THE WAY AHEAD 3-15 4-00pm

Speakers will include Local Politicians and I.L.E.A. Representatives.

This study day is planned to create a climate for greater co-operation and co-ordination of services for Under Fives and their parents in Southwark. Throughout the day there will be several staffed exhibitions from both Voluntary And Statutory sections with information available. It is hoped that the day will enable us to identify strategies for future development. If anyone is interested in a booking form/Programme, Contact Liz Dunn at SCVS.

VENUE

WARWICK PARK SCHOOL

PECKHAM ROAD, LONDON SE15.

DATE: OCTOBER 4th 1986.



## SOUTHWARK UNITED NATIONS APPEAL

SOUTHWARK UNITED NATIONS WEEK \*\*

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER. FLAG DAY in Aid of UNA-UNICEF. Offers of help, if over 16 1 or 2 Hours. Please Contact: Ms H. Kors, 76 COPELSTON ROAD, SE15. Tel: 639 - 5644.



## Review of Ex-GLC Groups.

Although earlier this year, Southwark Council agreed to grant all Southwark based ex-GLC groups transitional funding for one year. Further funding was subject to a review of the groups activities.

There is no denying that the Borough will be under even increasing pressure to find extra resources. The Transitional funding scheme set up by the Government means that the Government's contribution, which was 75% of the cost required to maintain existing projects in the first year, will be reduced to 50% next year, 25% the following year, and zero thereafter.

(There is no provision for growth) this is not helped by the fact that Southwark Council has already in the past been close to the limit they are allowed to spend under section 137, thereby putting further constraints on their abilities to fund a variety of groups and activities.

Nevertheless, in conducting the present review of ex-GLC groups, Southwark Council has done little to alleviate groups fears and reservations that this is no more than a cost cutting exercise.

Ex-GLC groups first met in July to discuss the implications of such a review. Those present at the meeting were in agreement that they were generally not opposed to being reviewed, in some cases, workers and M.C members welcomed the review as an indication of the Council's interest and a positive attempt to assess the necessary support and liaison arrangements for these groups however, they were anxious that Council Departments had not clearly identified the terms of reference and criteria for the review and that there was little evidence of co-ordination and standardisation between departments leading possibly to gross inconsistencies in the review process.

A letter expressing these concerns was sent to the leader, Cllr Matthews, who subsequently replied saying that she accepted the points raised in the letter.

However the most recent meeting of ex-GLC groups raised many doubts and uncertainties with regards the review.

In particular, SCVS has been asked to seek further information on the dates when reports will be considered by the various service Committees, and the recommendations likely to be put forward, for example, whether the committee's will be prioritising projects as they previously attempted to do, we will also be pressing that all projects have the opportunity to study and if necessary, reply to the report before it is presented to committee.

Ex-GLC groups are advised to contact their monitoring officers to discuss in detail their assessment form and the whole review process. (Including the provision that groups counter - sign the comments made by the M.O on the assessment forms).

For further information, contact: Ai Meun/Veronica at SCVS.

PS. The London Residuary Body (LRB) intends to terminate some of the leases of GLC buildings which house voluntary groups.

If your group's premises is affected, please let us know.

## INFORMATION

### 24 EMERGENCY SERVICE:

As some people might be aware, the Southwark monitoring Project operates a 24 hour emergency service. This service is to benefit citizens who require urgent assistance if they or their relatives have been arrested.

The service is operated by trained volunteers and qualified lawyers who answer the telephone during evenings and weekends. Presently, SMP are in the process of updating the system and are recruiting new volunteers for the telephones.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the service.

Please Tel: 703-1906 during Office hours.



### DRINKWISE (LONDON).

The DRINKWISE London Campaign opens on Monday 29th September. AIMS \* to promote sensible attitudes to drinking \* to make facts about alcohol and its effects widely available \* to advise on average safe limits and how to keep within them.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAMPAIGN

Voluntary and Statutory agencies throughout the region are taking part and are represented on the DRINKWISE Campaign Group convened by the Federation of London Alcohol Groups (FLAG). A diversity of local initiatives is complemented by two central events.

DRINKWISE will be officially launched at the National Theatre on Monday morning, 29th September with personalities to support the campaign. Professor Anthony Clare will be the key speaker.

An exhibition, video, computer games, and exotic alcohol-free cocktails will also feature.

### AN INVITATION.

The Drinkwise Group invites the support of any agency which could display posters, distribute literature, or organise a meeting or other events.

Contact: DRINKWISE on 01-253-6221

### WOMENS ADVICE AND COUNSELLING SERVICE.

### BASIC SKILLS IN COUNSELLING/ WELFARE RIGHTS COURSE.

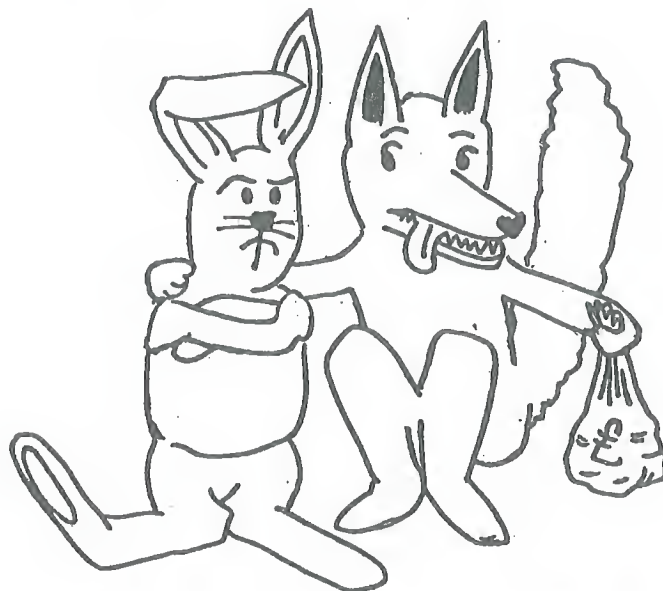
Women's Advice and Counselling Service, will be running the above courses for 10 weeks starting 22nd Sept '86 at the Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford, SE8.

We are looking for women who are interested in learning basic counselling skills, and local women who would like to know more about their Welfare Rights Benefits.

Applicants should be committed to completing the entire 10 week course. For further information please contact Noreen on 691-0231 x 215 or 692-6268.



# Relations between the Voluntary and Statutory Sector



## PARTNERSHIP . . . . .

## OR TAKEOVER?

Come to the next **SCVS Open Forum meeting** to discuss the draft 'Code for Partnership' for use by the Council in funding and monitoring voluntary organisations. In the light of the Council's proposals for greater partnership between the voluntary and statutory sector, it is hoped that this Code will provide the guidelines for good relations and support for the independence of the voluntary sector.

A discussion will also take place on the recent changes in the Urban Programme funding available to voluntary groups.

**Monday, 6th Oct.**

**7.00pm**

**Bells Gardens Community Centre**  
**Buller Close (Off Peckham Hill Street)**



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## OCTOBER 1986

## NEWSLETTER

### THE URBAN PROGRAMME

### AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR SOUTHWARK

Since getting out the last Newsletter explaining the changes to Urban Aid, we have been trying to find out more about becoming a Programme area and what it means for the voluntary sector in Southwark.

Several Southwark organisations attended the meeting for the 6 London Boroughs which have become (mini) Programme areas and some aspects of the change became clearer.

a) There is very little new money. Once commitments to existing Urban Aided projects which are not time-expired are met, there is not much more extra money than there has been through old Urban Aid.

b) The change in criteria was not put out until mid August. That is not enough time for voluntary sector projects to re-think priorities. If the OOE is looking for economic & environmental projects as a priority, those are not the sort of projects that can be put together in two months.

In the short term then, how is the voluntary sector going to use this money?

c) There will be 70% capital money and 30% revenue. This kind of money is less useful to the voluntary sector and needs more time than is available to put good applications together.

d) Urban Aid has been since 1983 allocated to the voluntary sector. No policy for the Urban Programme in its new form has yet been proposed by the Council.

e) In order to make applications under the Urban Programme the included Authorities will have to submit Inner Area Programmes rather than simple lists of projects. This means that :-

i) the local Authority will have to work out a strategy for dealing with economic, social & environmental problems.

ii) It will have to put this strategy into an Inner Area Programme (IAP) document and list the projects it wants to use UP money to fund. It will have to show how these projects fit into its objectives.

Southwark is required to consult the voluntary sector over the document.

iii) The OOE will approve most of the proposed new projects and leave it to the Local Authority to decide which of them to spend its limited money on.

Southwark will not be allocated a set sum and it is possible to go back to the DOE for more through the year.

If projects do not start during the first funded year the money goes back to the pool to be spent elsewhere and the projects in question has to re-apply.

**NB** voluntary sector projects will be funded for 4 years and not 5 years.

From discussions at the joint meeting other points emerged particularly from the experience of those Boroughs which have been Programme Areas since 1983.

a) The most advantaged groups are in the best position to make use of the money.

b) The Programme Boroughs have set up some kind of consultation/joint working process with the voluntary sector. All the other new Programme Boroughs we spoke to had already begun to put together some consultation proposals. So what is Southwark doing? Nothing at the time of writing. The voluntary sector needs to ask the Borough quickly.

### AGM.

#### SCVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 6.30pm.  
at BELLS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
BULLER CLOSE, PECKHAM SE15.  
(off Peckham Hill Street).  
As well as elections to SCVS Executive, and brief discussion of the year past and the future facing voluntary organisations in Southwark.

It will also be an opportunity for people to meet informally. SCVS will provide food, drink, and a creche. There is full wheelchair access.

If you receive this newsletter then our AGM is for you, and you would be very welcome.

(Only member organisations can vote).



# UNITED NATIONS

18th - 26th



## UNITED NATIONS WEEK IN SOUTHWARK .....

SATURDAY 18th. OCTOBER. 10.15 for 10.30am

**THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG** over the Town Hall, Peckham Road, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Jessie E. Cannon, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony in the Council Chamber conducted by Imam Khawaja Mustaneer Ahmed, the Revd, Eric Allen, the Ven. Douglas Bartles-Smith, Mr. Madan Kalia, Miss Joan Rich, the Very Revd. Canon George Telford, and Bikkhu Thich Tri-Canh. Ivor Richard, Q.C. former British ambassador to the United Nations and European Commissioner, will speak briefly on the work of the United Nations and answer questions. The Calvary Church of God in Christ Youth Choir will sing.

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER 10 a.m.

**PARISH MASS WITH THE THEME OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.** The congregation will be glad to welcome visitors, especially from overseas, and for coffee afterwards. ST. GILE'S CHURCH, CAMBERWELL CHURCH ST.

11 a.m.

**ONE WORLD WEEK SERVICE.**

WALWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, CLUBLAND, CAMBERWELL ROAD.

6 p.m.

**LISTEN FOR A CHANGE.** Ecumenical Service. Tea afterwards. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWINGTON, KENNINGTON PARK ROAD.

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER Noon.

**Daily until 25th:: AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR ONE WORLD** and for the gifts of listening. ST. PETER'S MONASTERY, 522 LORSHIP LANE.

7.30 p.m.

**Daily until 25th:: LISTENING IN THE CITY.** a series of short meditations. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GOOSE GREEN, EAST DULWICH.

8. p.m.

**ONE WORLD WEEK CELEBRATION.**

games, refreshments, film and worship. UNITED CHURCH, RED POST HILL. (Arranged by Herne Hill Christian Council).

TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 7.45 p.m.

**THE PHILIPINES.** Speaker, Video, Discussion, Refreshments.

JOHN PAUL CENTRE,

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH (next to Library, Lordship Lane)-

(Arranged by Dulwich Link Group of Churches).

8 p.m.

**THIRD - FOURTH WORLD:** development for whom? Discussion, Refreshments.

48 ADDINGTON SQUARE, CAMBERWELL (Arranged by ATD Fourth World).

WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 7 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEETING.** At the TOWN HALL, PECKHAM ROAD. Members of the public welcome. During the week photoposters illustrating some aspects of the work of the United Nations will be on display at the TOWN HALL and elsewhere in the Borough.

THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 7 p.m.

**10,000,000 REFUGEES.** Stephen Sinclair-Loutit, U.N. High Commission for refugees. COPLESTON CENTRE, COPLESTON ROAD. (Arranged by Southwark/Dulwich Branch of U.N.A. and Southwark World Development Group ).

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER.

**UNITED NATIONS DAY:** The 41st. Anniversary of the coming into force of the Charter of the United Nations.

7 p.m.

**LISTEN FOR A CHANGE:** Competitions; Exhibitions; Workshops on Sri Lanka, Africa and Racism; Refreshments.

WALWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, CLUBLAND, CAMBERWELL ROAD. **ADMISSION 50p.** (Arranged by Clubland World Development group).

7.30 p.m.

**LISTEN TO GOD:** Bible Service.

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH, WYNHAM ROAD, CAMBERWELL. SE5.

# NATIONS WEEK

6th OCTOBER 1986



SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER.

## FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF APPEAL.

Offers of help, if over 16, (1 or 2 hours)  
to Mrs. H. Kors,  
76 CDPLESTON ROAD, S.E.15 Tel 639-5644.  
Donations may also be sent to this address

NDDN

**SPOTLIGHT ON BURMA.** Service, Burmese  
lunch, Slides, Exhibition.  
ST. ALPHEGE'S HALL, POCOCK ST, SOUTHWARK.

4 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**CULTURAL EVENING.** 4 pm. West African  
dancers. 6 pm Prof. Amadu Madi, Playwright  
and other speakers about Anti-Racism.  
8 pm Refreshments; African music and dan-  
cing.

PAN AFRICAN CENTRE, 7 TAPLOW BLVD (Second  
Floor), AYLESBURY ESTATE.

**Tickets: £2 at the door or from SOUTHWARK  
COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS, 352 CAM-  
BERWELL NEW ROAD, SE5 Tel: 274 - 8793.**

7 30 p.m.

**WORLD IN PERIL:** Invocation for Peace in  
Words and Music to commemorate the UN  
International Year of Peace, including the  
Hanson Quartet, Willie Whitelaw, Janet Suzman.  
The Galliard Trio, Christian Aid, and  
Nicholas Humphreys, Psychologist and  
Broadcaster. **SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.**

**Admission: £4. (£2 concessionary) (Arran-  
ged by Professions for World Disarmament  
and Development).**

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 3.30p.m.

**UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE:** at ST. GILES  
CHURCH, CAMBERWELL CHURCH STREET,  
Conducted by the Revd. Rodney Bomford,  
assisted by Baptist and Roman Catholic  
Clergy. Preacher: the Revd. John Davis,  
Minister, Peckham Methodist Church. To be  
attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, the  
Mayoress, Members of the Borough Council,  
and representatives of local organisations.

All welcome. Refreshments after the ser-  
vice.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS  
OTHERWISE STATED.

This week is also the week of Prayer for  
World Peace and One World Week.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK: see MONDAY 20th OCT.  
& WEDNESDAY 22nd OCT.

For further information about the United  
Nations Association, please apply to the  
Hon. Secretary of the Local Branch:  
Mrs. V. George,  
15 GILKES CRESCENT, LONDON SE21.  
Tel- 693 - 1500.

For further information about the events  
on SOUTHWARK UNITED NATIONS WEEK programme  
please consult the Information Office,  
The TOWN HALL, PECKHAM ROAD, SE5.

PLEASE HELP SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUN-  
TARY SERVICE TO PUBLICISE THIS PROGRAMME  
BY USING THESE PAGES AS A MINIPSTER.

THANKYOU.





## Service

### Action Plan.

#### DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SERVICE ACTION PLANS ?

Community organisations which sent representatives to SCVS Open Forum (25th June) will remember that Anne Matthews (Council Leader) and Anna Whyatt (Chief Executive) reported that the Council was proposing strategy plans to link the work of the Council on particular topic areas.

We had assured that there would be consultation on these.

SCVS understands that the plans themselves advocate consultation, but we have not heard of any community organisation being consulted when the plans were being drawn up.

The Community Affairs Service Action Plan was tabled at the Community Affairs without even being sent out with the Committee papers.

Although the Council keeps talking about partnership & consultation, the preparation of these plans unfortunately represents a fairly typical example of falling short in practice (see also the article on the Urban Programme) front page.

SCVS Executive have suggested this matter be raised at the Open Forum (6th October) with a possible view to there being a deputation to see the Leader and Chief Executive about voluntary and statutory relations, there

There will be a report in the next newsletter.

## INFORMATION

#### BERMONDSEY LIGHTING CAMPAIGN.

Interim Report on standards of street lighting in Nth Southwark.

A useful document on work carried out so far on the street lighting in North Southwark and what needs to be done to improve the generally poor standard.

A full survey is in progress.

If you would like a copy of the report or would like to know more about the Campaign contact:  
The NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP,

56, SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD SE1 OAS  
Tel: 928-0711.

#### BEDE HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

BEDE HOUSE offers a Computer payroll service to small Voluntary Organisations employing up to 3, monthly paid workers.

Cost around £120 per annum.

The service comprises calculations of monthly pay, P45s and P60s.

Copies of pay slips are issued to the organisations Treasurers and to the employees.

For further information contact Jenny Williams at BEDE HOUSE on 237-3881.

#### B.A.A.F. 2003+

BOOK SALE & FAYRE.

NOVEMBER 7th - 12 - 4-0'clock.

CHRISTCHURCH HALL,  
BLACKFRIARS ROAD,  
LONDON SE1.

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LORNA GEE.

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EVE at SCVS. All proceeds to

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YOUNG MUSICIANS TRUST.

#### SOUTHWARK WOMENS ACTION GROUP.

Southwark Womens Action Group  
General Meeting for all Women.

Future plans for the Womens  
Centre and the Bus.

PLEASE COME ALONG \*\*\*

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 7-30pm  
at THE TOWN HALL. ROOM D.  
CRECHE ROOM A1.

DO NOT FORGET  
TO COME TO THE  
S.C.V.S.  
AGM\*  
25TH NOVEMBER  
at BELLS GARDENS  
COMMUNITY CENTRE.

6.30pm.

More Information  
on  
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# Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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## DECEMBER EDITION NEWSLETTER

### THE URBAN PROGRAMME

The Council are now putting together their finalised submission to the Department of the Environment of Southwark's Urban Programme.

This submission includes a summary of the Boroughs strategy for the next four years as outlined in the Open Forum SCVS held in the Town Hall June 1986. The strategy stresses the need to concentrate on areas of need within the broad themes of Jobs and Income, tackling Poverty, Decentralisation, Equal Opportunities and making effective use of land and property.

Urban Programme submissions are supposed to be put together in full consultation with the Voluntary Sector. The Private Sector, the ILEA and the Area Health Authority should also be involved in the consultation process.

The ILEA and the AHA can make submissions under the Programme. (NB: under old Urban Aid the ILEA had its own allocation of resources)

However since the announcement that Southwark would be a Programme Area was not made until mid August, after applications for old Urban Aid had started to come in (see past Newsletters) there was little time for the Council to publicise the change or indeed work out what it meant and what administrative changes would be required.

The evidence of lack of time and resources has been clear all the way through. In the end the Council received only half the number of applications which they normally receive for Urban Aid. This must have been due to the publicity about the Programme outlining the new criteria, that the total application for Southwark must be broken down in such a way that it reflects a breakdown of 35% economic 35% environmental and 30% social projects, and that 70% of the total submission must be capital.

SCVS has made representation to the Secretary of State for the Environment through local MPs and the Bishop of Southwark about the need for flexibility certainly for this year on the criteria.

We fear that the new criteria could mean less resources for the voluntary sector without some flexibility on the part of the DoE.

We believe there are good economic projects (training and job creation) in the making in the voluntary sector in Southwark but these are not the sort of projects that can be put together in two months. They need a lot of support and time and thought. The worry about this is how far the DoE will expect economic projects to be linked to MSC money. Nothing is clear on this yet.

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The consultation process did not happen properly this year. After pressure from the community Development Forum a meeting was convened by the Town Hall. This was before a policy meeting making final decisions had met, as well as afterwards, as originally planned. The meetings were little more than information giving exercises for those groups which had already applied plus whoever else got to hear about the meetings which were in any case badly publicised.

But this process under Programme is not just a question of information to applicants. It is a much broader process involving the voluntary sector and the community groups right from the beginning in a planned clearly thought out submission. The Council has promised that full joint discussion will take place for the next year starting in January. SCVS and SOCR are putting together at present some proposals about how this should happen which we hope to circulate for comment in the new year.

#### **The shortlist**

The Policy Committee of Monday 8th December decided that the following applications from voluntary organisations should go forward to the DoE.

Under the new scheme applications are not submitted in any priority order.

#### **a) Economic**

- UNHU Media Centre
- Browning Employment & Training Project

#### **b) Environmental**

- Walworth City Farm

#### **c) Social**

- Phoenix Womens Health Organisation
- Umoja Theatre Company
- St. Faiths Youth & Community Project
- Muslim Community Centre
- Tabard Out of School Scheme
- Black Roof Housing Co-op
- Baitiz Azis Islamic Community Centre
- Southwar Volunteer Bureau
- Camberwell Rec. & Arts Forum
- Sojourner Truth Youth Assoc.

**Council Projects put forward are as follows:**

#### **Economic**

- Garage Conversions on the Gloucester Grove Estate
- Capital for Training Schemes
- Aid to Firms & Co-ops
- Sandgate street - access to workshops
- Post YTS (with ILEA)
- Womens New Technology Training Centre
- Training Project for mentally Handicapped (with AHA)

#### **Environmental**

- Burgess Park
- Facelift Schemes - many jointly with IA's & Community Groups.
- Cathedral Bridges

**NB** Apart from a block grant application for holiday project all social money has been applied for by the voluntary sector.

#### **ILEA projects submitted.**

- Facilities for people with disabilities educational establishments
- Improvements to St Pauls Primary School & Crampton School

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The Council have put in far more 'social' applications than their quota under the new criteria.

This emphasises the point to the DoE that changes in criteria cannot be implemented in two months and that the DoE will have to be flexible this year.

The voluntary sector bids for 87/88 amount to just over half of the £2½ m plus which the Council has bid for through the Urban Programme.

#### TIME-EXPIRED PROJECTS

Very good news!

Southwark's Policy Committee has agreed that all these programmes should go into the main programme

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#### AGREED FUNDING FOR EX-GLC GROUPS

L.B. Southwark Policy Committee agreed in its meeting on 8th Dec, to include all ex-GLC groups and time expired groups (Urban Aid) into its 1986/87 budget. Thereby securing many valuable jobs and services for the borough.

Transitional funding which was made available by the government for groups following the abolition of the GLC, was in effect only a sham and a ploy to quell some of the rigorous protest around the abolition.

Transitional Funding in effect only covered 75% of the cost of picking up some ex-GLC funded groups in Southwark for the first year, and would steadily decrease (In 1986/87 Transitional Funding is only 50%) of total running costs) until it ceases all together in 1988/89, without any allowance for necessary capital expenditure e.g. repairs/renovation. Such an early decision has also thoughtfully averted the now-usual end-of-financial year panic for management committee's and workers faced with insecure funding in the coming year.

We hope the Council will continue to tread this path towards a healthily-resourced, independant and well-consulted community sector in Southwark.

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## CHRISTMAS CLOSING

#### S.C.V.S. CLOSING DATES/CHRISTMAS

SCVS Offices will be closed to the public from 23rd of December to the 5th January 1987.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups and individuals that have used the SCVS Office Equipment over the year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. It's a pity this was not a singing newsletter because we would all like to sing something to all the users.



Happy  
Christmas  
To  
our MEMBERS



# INFORMATION

## SOUTHWARK ADMINISTRATION

### RE: WEEKLY INFORMATION DIGEST

As you know, the weekly information Digest provides an important news service to members, Officers and the Community. We are now thinking of introducing a new feature in WIO, dedicated solely to community news and information on what is happening in the borough. We hope to start the new feature in January 1987.

To help make this feature a success, we need as much community participation as possible. We want you to send us your news, views and comments on what is going on in your neighbourhood, e.g. current events, forthcoming events, or any other information you might wish to convey. Through WIO, we would make sure that it gets to as many people as possible. If you belong to an organisation and would like to get in touch with a similar organisation to yours, to arrange events or exchange news and views you can do so through WIO. The copy deadline each week is noon on Monday.

Finally as we all know, any new idea can be improved. Therefore, if you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sevia John (Administrative Officer) Town Hall Peckham Rd SE5 01 703 - 6311 Southwark Administration.



### SOUTHWARK LESBIAN LINE

Phone for support, advice, information, (including access details), ...or just a chat.  
Tuesday 2 - 4pm  
Thursday 7.30 10pm  
703 - 3849  
P.O. Box 702 London SE15 5DN

Needs more lesbians to join the collective, particularly women who are free during the day. The line is open twice a week, on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, and collective meetings are held once a month.

The lines premises are accessible to women with disabilities, and babysitting costs will be paid for women with children.

If you are interested, please contact Southwark Lesbian Line, P.O. Box 702, London SE15 5DN or phone when the line is open on 01 703 - 3849

N.B. Money is available for transport for disabled women.

### NEWS RELEASE

#### ONE IN THREE UNEMPLOYED IN SOUTHWARK.

Unemployment in Peckham has now reached 31% according to the latest figures issued by Southwark Council.

The borough's September employment bulletin records unemployment running at 27.9% for Bermondsey; 16% for Dulwich and 31% in Peckham. Total unemployed in the borough reached 21,727. There were 19 unemployed benefit claimants for every notified new vacancy in Southwark.

John Lauder, chair of Southwark's Jobs and Industry Committee said: "The borough faces one of the most appalling unemployment problems in the country. There are parts of Peckham which have a concentration of unemployment which rival the worst in Europe. While the Council is using its limited resources for job creation, training and industrial projects, unless there is a massive investment from central government, the borough will face a devastating employment future."

## AGE CONCERN IN SOUTHWARK

CLAIMING DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE TOWARDS THE COST OF DOMESTIC HELP:

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone entitled to receive a supplementary pension can claim a Domestic Assistance Addition.DAA, to cover the cost of employing a domestic helper if they and all others in their household, are unable to cook and clean for themselves because of ill health, infirmity, disability or heavy family responsibilities.

MARRIED WOMEN CARERS AND INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE:

### WHAT IS INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE?

Invalid Care Allowance (ICA) is a benefit paid to someone who is caring for a sick or disabled person (child or adult) who already receives either an Attendance Allowance or a constant attendance allowance for war or industrial disablement.

### BACKDATING PAYMENTS OF ICA:

The government will backdate ICA payments to all married or cohabiting women carers who claim before 31st December 1986. HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE NOT CLAIMED?

The government estimates that about 70,000 married women carers are entitled to receive ICA. At the end of July 1986, the DHSS had received 20,000 claims for women who had seen publicity in the press, on T.V. and radio for the European Court decision.

50,000 women had not claimed ICA, and must be reached before the end of December.

Leaflet NI 212/AUG 86 entitled "Invalid Care Allowance" from your local DHSS office at: OHSS Wedge House, 32-40 Blackfriars Rd. SE1.

OHSS 206-210, Kennington Park Rd SE11.

OHSS 1-15 Bournemouth Rd, SE15  
OHSS 3 Blenheim Grove, SE15.

Or for any more information on these entitlements contact:

AGE CONCERN Head Office  
160 PECKHAM RYE, LONDON SE22 9HQ  
Tel: 693 - 2118

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### RYE HILL TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

#### MARCHING BAND

It is paradoxical that whilst our schools continue to turn out a flood of young musicians the output from the voluntary field has virtually ceased. The Labour Movement in Southwark has not got a single band of its own.

It has become too expensive apparently for the trade unions and the industrial heartland and only the Salvation Army has survived the onslaught of canned music

We have agreed to make the hall available for young adults who have instruments or a desire to master one. A community band will be a long term goal and money is in short supply. But there has to be a beginning and a dedicated group can Will the Means.

Date 5th January at 7.30pm.  
Enquiries to Colin Ralph 70 Rye Hill Park

#### SOUTHWARK VOLUNTARY CAR

##### DRIVERS POOL.

CAR DRIVERS NEEDED WITH A LITTLE TIME TO SPARE.

" Many elderly and disabled people are confined within four walls, unable to get a lift, keep appointments, or use public transport "

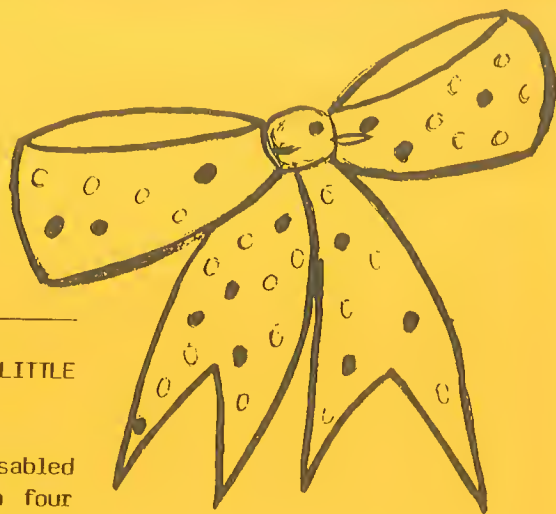
##### NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATUTORY TRANSPORT.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS  
If anybody is interested please phone 701 7616

For application form and information.

##### EXPENSES WILL BE PAID.

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#### PARENTS AND TODDLERS

Poulner Pop-In Centre  
43, Hordle Promenade South, Nrth Peckham Estate (Off Pentridge St)  
Open 1-30pm to 3-30pm Mon-to-Fri  
all year round FREE ALL WELCOME!

## INFORMATION (GRANTS)

### GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION IN SOUTHWARK

Southwark Council's Leisure and Recreation Committee is inviting applications for Grants Aid. Preference will be given to group developing Sports, Arts, Entertainment and play activities for the benefit of local residents in Southwark. Groups who require recurring funding may apply but priority will be recommended for non-recurring grants.

The following Grants are available for the year commencing 1st April 1987.

#### ONE OFF GRANTS UP TO £1000

These are available to new or existing groups requiring costs for one year only. This may be for the purchase or repair of equipment or for festivals, workshops or one-off events etc.

#### ONE OFF ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS UP TO £500

These are to support works of maintenance and improvement of Nature Gardens and open Spaces. Preference will be given to existing facelift schemes.

#### PUMP PRIMING GRANTS UP TO £200 FOR 1986/87 ONLY

Resources are still available for groups setting up and requiring help with start up costs for the year to 30th March 1987.

For application forms and details please write to:

Particia Okonkwo  
Grants Unit

Leisure and Recreation Dept  
186 Walworth Road  
London SE17 1JJ. Tel: 01-703 3499  
Ext: 304/263.

Closing date for application is 12th January, 1987.

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#### HOLIDAY PROJECTS: GRANT AID

Are you a Southwark based community group, tenants association or youth group? If so, and you are thinking of running a playscheme for children/young people during the Spring Half-Term, then you can apply for a grant towards the cost of running your scheme from the Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee.

Application forms and guidelines on how to apply, including the types of projects that are eligible are available from Valencia Cumberbatch/Sarah Newton Town Hall, Peckham Road. SE5 8UB.  
Tel: 703-6311 Ext: 2251/2142.

Closing date: Monday 5th January, 1987.

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# PUBLICATIONS

## WELFARE RIGHTS FOR DISABLED ASIAN PEOPLE

ASRA (Asian Sheltered Residential Accommodation) has produced a new advice booklet with the help of the Disability Alliance Educational and Research Association.

The 24-page booklet gives advice on social security benefits and services provided by local authorities for disabled Asian people of all ages.

It is entitled 'Disability Rights: guide for the Asian Community' and is available in Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Urdu, and Bengali.

The booklet is free for single copies. Postage and packing will be charged for larger orders.

Available from:

ASRA

5a WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,  
LONDON SE1 7XW  
01 928 - 9379

## MIND

### GUIDE TO DISABLED PERSONS (SERVICES CONSULTATION & REPRESENTATION) ACT 1986

MIND (National Association for Mental Health) and RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation) have produced a guide to the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act.

The guide, written for local voluntary organisations, explains the Act step by step in simple language and gives hints and suggestions for local action

Copies of 'Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986-A Handbook for Voluntary Organisations' by William Bingley and Peter Mitchel can be obtained from RADAR, 25 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AB. 01-637 5400.

Prices as follows:

1 copy 25p, 2 copies 65p, 3 copies 85p, 4 copies £1.10, 5 copies £1.40, 10 copies £3.15, 15 copies £4.15, 20 copies £4.90 and 25 copies £6.10.

### JOB VACANCIES Southwark & Lambeth

Southwark and Lambeth Council and ILEA are all willing to make their regular list of job vacancies available to community groups

This is to encourage applications from a wider range of people than usually apply for jobs in Local Authorities.

If you would like the ILEA's list then let SCVS know.

SCVS asked Lambeth Council if it would be willing to send their regular list of job vacancies to Southwark based groups as well as Lambeth ones. Lambeth Council is willing. The relevant phone no is 274-7722 ext. 3018.

If your organisation is in touch with people looking for jobs and you would like to display the vacancy lists, then you could write to Frank Walker, Southwark Personnel and Management Services 25 Commercial Way. SE15 6DG.

## SPONSORING VOLUNTARY ACTION

### RHETORIC OR REALITY?

A trilogy exploring the current social and political context with in which voluntary organisations operate.

Published by Manchester Council for Voluntary Service and the Department of Social Administration at Manchester University

Format: A5

Prices: Beyond Welfare Pluralism? £1.50 including postage.

What Price Voluntary Action? £1.00 including postage.

Sponsoring Voluntary Action £2.95 including postage.

To order: Manchester Council for Voluntary Service, Gaddum Centre, 274 Deansgate, Manchester. M3 4FT (Tel: 061-834 4834/9163)

## JOBS

THE EDUCATION & TRAINING SHOP  
175 RYE LANE,  
PECKHAM SE15 4TL.

Is looking for a

TEMPORARY PART-TIME ADVICE AND  
COUNSELLING WORKER.

For 20 hrs per week for a minimum of 12 weeks starting in February

The Education & Training shop offers a drop-in information, advice and counselling service to adults on education and training opportunities.

We are looking for a person who has a good understanding of the current post-school system of education and training and an appreciation of the learning needs of adults. Experience of advice work or counselling is essential.

Rate of Pay: ILEA Grade V part-time tutor rates (£10.22 per hr) For Job Description and further information contact:

The Education & Training Shop  
175 Rye Lane,  
Tel: 653 - 9111

### THEORIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN

We are seeking a design/build Landscaper to join a small innovative community practice based Hackney London.

THEORIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN is a successful small Community Design and Build Landscape team who are looking to incorporate further person/s and skills into the partnership on innovative community schemes.

Interested people should have the three 'E's, Energy, Enthusiasm and Humour - and be able of willing to become involved in all aspects of running a business from admin, to project development, to design work, and to building projects on site, and to have fun in the process.

For further information or to arrange an informal meeting please contact: Jerry Cooper on 254 - 7186 or John Anderson on 250 - 3276 or write to 99 Eleanor Road, Hackney E8.



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## JANUARY 1987 NEWSLETTER

### VOLUNTARY - STATUTORY RELATIONS

SCVS Executive are seeking a meeting with the Leader of Southwark Council, Chairs of particularly relevant Committees and the Chief Executive in order to address a number of broad issues concerning voluntary - statutory sector relations. There are two main areas of concern.

a). Despite an official commitment to 'partnership' and one which we are certain some Councillors and Officers believe, the actual practice seems to be that the Council is moving away from participation. It is as if the Council believes it is sufficient unto itself when it comes to generating ideas and knowing what is needed.

b). That an increasing number of voluntary organisations are getting into difficulties.

The confusion in Conditions of Grant Aid between monitoring and management is part of this problem indeed the effect is far worse than we had anticipated it would be. Another problem seems to be the increasing number of staff responsible for liaising with the voluntary sector without a clear brief, and normally without voluntary sector experience,

or employer/management experience. It would be invidious to point to particular examples but sadly SCVS Fieldworkers have on several occasions returned in despair at the calibre of advice offered (indeed virtually enforced) by Council staff, and these groups have subsequently been ones which have got into difficulties, SCVS Executive have suggested that monitoring officers have special training to help them work effectively with community groups and voluntary organisations.

SCVS recognises that many Councillors do understand and respect the value of the extensive community action in Southwark, and that officers are seriously trying to help groups. However the time has come to examine closely how this works out in practice.

The principle demands which SCVS will be making are :-

a) For Council recognition of the code of practice for voluntary-sector statutory relations which was adopted at SCVS A.G.M.

b) That the review of the conditions of Grant Aid reflects the approach of the Code of Practice and clears up the confusion between management and monitoring.



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## NEWS RELEASES

c) That there be an appeals system which groups can use speedily if they feel that the monitoring officers proposals will lead the group into difficulties, or if the monitoring officer causes delays which create problems.

d) That a proposal be pursued, which came from Council Officers, that there be a regular liaison forum between Council Officers and the voluntary sector. To be really useful this would have to bring together officers from different departments ( because sometimes communication does not seem to be very good) and voluntary organisations. We would propose that the meeting should be open to any voluntary organisations and groups which want to attend, but that some federation bodies and networks would particularly need to be represented.

e) That the voluntary sector be involved in the appointment of Council staff who link with the voluntary sector, also that there are more staff who have extensive voluntary sector experience.

SOUTHWARK URGES LOCALS TO GET INVOLVED IN COUNCIL ARTS POLICY.

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Local people in Southwark are invited to put forward their views on arts in the borough, as part of a borough-wide consultative process to make arts provision in the borough more relevant to the needs of local people.

The consultations are to be carried out in the form of a questionnaire, followed by a public meeting entitled, 'The Arts in Southwark'. Drawn up jointly by Southwark Arts Association and 'Southwark Arts', the council's arts section, the questionnaire asks people to give their views on existing arts provision in the borough.

Local residents are invited to make suggestions for possible improvements, and the information collected will form the basis for discussion at the public meetings. Also on the agenda for discussion will be the proposals for setting up an Arts Forum in the borough, where local representatives from arts and community groups throughout Southwark can meet regularly with councillors to discuss arts policy.

Councillor Aubyn Graham, who chairs the executive committee of Southwark Arts Council, said, "We are anxious to get more people involved in arts in the borough. Many people are unaware of our arts policy, and this is a good opportunity for them to get involved in the policy-making process, so we're urging everyone in the borough who has an interest in any of the arts, to get in touch and air their views. Whether you're interested in classical music, art, theatre, dance, or modern art forms like breaking and popping, graffiti, art, rapping or busking, fill in a questionnaire and get involved; we'd like to hear from you".

The questionnaires will be available from libraries, youth clubs, tenants associations and community and arts organisations throughout the borough.

For more information contact: Angela McIntyre, Press Office. Tel: 703 6311 ext 2107.

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### NEWS RELEASE

Southwark Public Relations

#### World Champion Renounces Title

The previously undisputed World Welterweight Champion Lloyd Honeyghan gave up one third of his undisputed World Welterweight Championship before Christmas before Christmas. Now Southwark Council want to honour him for his personal stand against apartheid.

The 26 year old boxer, who lives near the Elephant and Castle in Southwark, will be offered the freedom of the borough in a special ceremony in the near future.

Honeyghan gave up his WBA championship rather than face a South African contender in a fight which reportedly could have brought him between £500,000 and one million pounds.

Now Southwark Council's Deputy-Leader, Tony Ritchie has backed the local champion's decision and says it vindicates the Council's own anti-apartheid policies.

Councillor Ritchie said; "When Lloyd won the championship in 1986 it made everyone who lives in Southwark immensely proud. But it's nothing to the pride we feel in Lloyd now. Southwark has a large number of black people living in the borough, and we

have always said that the depth of revulsion felt by local people against what is going on in South Africa has been underestimated - now Lloyd has proved that no amount of cash is worth putting up with what South Africa stands for.

"When we honour Lloyd Honeyghan with the freedom of the borough next year, we will be honouring his stand against apartheid as well as his magnificent sporting achievement".

For further information contact: Frank Fitzpatrick on 703 6311 ext. 2207 or (home) 855 1691.

# INFORMATION

## SOUTHWARK ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We have heard today that Policy Committee has agreed to release additional capital resources to various Committees. As far as Community Affairs Committee is concerned there are two elements involved:

1. £15000 has been made available for Community Centres to purchase equipment.
2. £20000 has been made available to community groups as one-off capital grants for building works, major items of equipment etc.

However, in order that this money can be released to groups the deadlines will need to be extremely tight. The money must be released from the Council by the end of the financial year (effectively by about 20th March).

In order to achieve this, bids will need to be considered by officers and then go to Community Affairs Committee (possibly through the urgency procedures) by the middle of March at the very latest.

Consequently bids will have to be sent to the Community Development Unit no later than 6th February. I know this will mean a lot of work very quickly and it is possible that only existing schemes could be submitted by groups.

If you would like to discuss this letter please give any of us a ring and we will try and help. Be quick about it.

Mike Cantor: Community Deve Unit.

## LONDON'S FIRST MONEY ADVICE CENTRE TO OPEN IN PECKHAM.

The Money Advice Centre is being set up to help local residents with their money problems. Paid for and staffed by Southwark's Public Protection Department, the new advice centre will try and help residents with problems such as benefit claims, fuel bills, finance agreements, and other household bills.

Councillor Brian Kelly welcomed the opening of the new centre as an important landmark in Southwark's campaign to tackle poverty in the borough. "With unemployment ever on the increase, and those in work predominantly in low-paid jobs, there are more and more people living on or below the poverty line". He said.

"The idea is to help people to deal with the people they owe money to. Money worries can have an enormous adverse effect on people's lives, often leading to families breaking up, and sometimes even suicide".

"It is so easy to run up large bills these days - particularly with the growth of instant credit schemes - but there's very little help for those who find they can't keep up the payments - they're often thrown into the arms of loan sharks and end up in an even deeper mess. We won't be able to pay off people's debts for them, but hopefully we will be able to show them a way out of their troubles".

The centre will be staffed by three advice workers specially trained to give advice on money matters, and will be open from Monday to Friday.

For more details contact:  
Brian Martin, Press Office. 703-6311 ext. 2217

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS : GRANT AID

Are you a Southwark based community group, tenants association or youth group? If so, and you are thinking of running a playscheme for children/young people during the Easter Holiday then you can apply for a grant towards the cost of running your scheme from the Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee.

Application forms and guidelines on how to apply, including the types of projects that are eligible are available from Valencia Cumberbatch/Sarah Newton Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB. Tel: 703 6311 ext. 2251/2142.

Closing date: 9th February, 1987.

## UNDER FIVES FORUM

The next meeting of the Under Fives Forum will be held at 12.30 on Wednesday 4th February at SCVS

Anyone who works with under fives or on issues relating to under fives provision is very welcome to attend.

At our last meeting we were discussing future priorities of the forum and if you are facing particular difficulties with funding resources, training etc, please let us know. One suggestion was to set up  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 day workshops which could be either practical or theoretical and/or discussion groups on current issues.

We also talked about the social services department and how the voluntary sector can work with (not for) statutory sectors towards achieving co-ordination and co-operation. We feel that we still need to meet with Denis Simpson, Director of Social Services to discuss this, and we are persisting with our efforts to fix a date with him. We will be discussing this further on 4th February.



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If you are unable to attend mid-day meetings we can arrange alternatives, we can also provide creche facilities.

For further information ring Liz at SCVS.

#### SOUTHWARK PROPERTY

#### UNIT 3 EDGER ESTATE HOPTON ST SE1

The Edger Estate is situated on the riverside in Hopton St/Bankside, SE1, close to Southwark St & Blackfriars Bridge.

Unit 3 is a ground floor shop unit in shell condition. The shop has a frontage to both Hopton St and to the rear of the estate (facing north) where the Founders Arms Public House is located.

Accommodation Sales Area: approx 742 sq.ft. plus storage & toilet.

Rent: £1,050 p.a. excl. of rates.  
Lease: A new 25 year lease with rent reviews every 5 years.  
Rates: To be assessed. Southwark rate poundage 230.70p in the £.

Preferred Use: Pharmacist/Chemist

Viewing: Strictly by appointment with the Borough Valuers Office on 703-6311 ext: 2272.



#### ALCOHOL RECOVERY PROJECT (OFFER).

WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO A GOOD HOME:-

ONE GESTETNER 1550, WITH STENCILS CORRECTOR & CLEANING FLUID, GOOD CONDITION.

THIRTY STACKING CHAIRS - WOODEN BACKS & SEATS, METAL FRAMES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL 01 403 - 3369



#### D.H.S.S. INFORMATION

Although SCVS does not deal with direct inquiries from the public in the present DHSS emergency we have found ourselves receiving some requests for help from people with a non-payment crisis.

We therefore collected the following basic information which we re-print in case it is helpful to other non-specialist organisations the present emergency.

#### EMERGENCY PAYMENTS:

Camberwell D.H.S.S. 403 1703 will arrange an appointment (usually same day or following day and also do interviews over the phone).

EMERGENCY OFFICE at Keyworth Hse, Keyworth Street are open from 6pm and at weekends, but this really is only emergencies which cannot be dealt with by other means.

Also Social Security have facilities to make payments to people with children.

We answer enquiries from social workers, estate officers, libraries, other council departments, probation and anyone in the Borough giving on:

- \* supplementary benefit
- \* national insurance benefits
- \* other benefits (FIS, disablement benefits etc)
- \* immigration and nationality
- \* fuel rights

#### WELFARE RIGHTS INFORMATION SERVICE

#### WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT ADVICE LINE

Contact us at these times:

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| Mon  | 2-4.30pm          |
| Tues | 10-12.30/2-4.30pm |
| Weds | 10-12.30/2-4.30pm |
| Thur | 10-12.30/2-4.30pm |
| Fri  | 10-12.30/2-4.30pm |

Telephone Advice: 703-6311  
Ext 2041/2295/2051/2253

Training Courses: 703-6311  
Ext 2084/2153

Sarah Atkins (Principal)  
Mehdi Khan (Take-up for Asian Community)  
Afua Adjepong (Take-up for the Afro-Caribbean Community)  
Penny Newell (Training)  
Kathy Pirkis (Take-up)

Debbie Reeves/Pauline Stone for information on training courses

#### THE FUTURE OF THOMAS CARLTON SCHOOL

This empty school has now been designated by the ILEA as a Community Education Centre and the ILEA is consulting broadly about how this should be managed.

The ILEA is calling a one-off meeting of Community groups to discuss this on Wednesday 4th February at 2.30. At the Intermediate Treatment Centre, Blakes Road, SE15. (off Commercial Way) the meeting will be in the conference room.

This meeting is for those groups that are not presently using the school. Existing users are having their own meeting.

If you would like to know more phone Stuart Hughes, Head of Community Education & Careers Branch at the ILEA. 633 7364.

A one day conference on drugs and substance misuse is to be held at Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5 on Saturday February 14th '87

The conference is an initiative of Southwark's Policing Consultative Group, and will be jointly organised by the Council's Policing and Community Safety Unit and the Drugs Misuse Unit.

The conference will look at the local nature of the problem of drugs and substance misuse in Southwark, including solvent abuse. It will also focus on provision, both statutory and non statutory within the borough and the special needs that arise as a result of the problem.

One of the aims of the conference is to involve and obtain the views of the local community as well as extending awareness of the various local and national agencies set up to deal with the problem. Anyone interested in attending the conference or requiring further information should contact the Policing and Community Safety Unit at Peckham Town Hall, telephone 703 6311 ext 2387. Contact: Brian Martin, Press Office, tel: 703 6311 ext 2217

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**  
199 WALWORTH ROAD, SE17 1LP  
TELEPHONE 01-703 4198

From the 12th January 1987 we will be changing the days and times of opening and taking telephone calls.

#### Opening Hours

|       |   |        |   |         |
|-------|---|--------|---|---------|
| Mon   | - | 9.30am | - | 12 noon |
| Tues  | - | 5.00pm | - | 7.30pm  |
| Weds  | - | CLOSED |   |         |
| Thurs | - | 9.30am | - | 12 noon |
| Fri   | - | 9.30am | - | 12 noon |

#### TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES

|      |   |        |    |        |
|------|---|--------|----|--------|
| Mon  | - | 2.30pm | to | 4.30pm |
| Weds | - | 2.30pm | to | 4.30pm |
| Fri  | - | 2.30pm | to | 4.30pm |

## PUBLICATIONS

### A NEW PARTNERSHIP

#### NEWS PUBLICATIONS

##### Islington Community NEWS

#### GUIDE TO DISABLED PERSONS ACT '86 (Services, Consultation and Representation)

MIND (National Association for Mental Health) and RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation) have jointly produced a guide for voluntary organisations, explaining step by step the Disabled Person's Act '86

The Act which came into force in July this year is to ensure that;

- 1) local authorities are assessing the needs of disabled people and those of their carers in terms of service provision. ii) disabled people or their representative can make a representation to the local authority. iii) disabled people are given a written statement of the needs and services. The Act also gives people leaving psychiatric institutions a right to assessment of their needs and enforces social services and hospital managers of their obligation to inform local authorities of intended discharge dates.

Copies of the publication are available from; RADAR, 12 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AB. Tel: 637 5400

#### 'DISABILITY RIGHTS: guide for the Asian Community'

A 24-page booklet giving advice on social security and other services provided by local authorities for disabled Asian people of all ages. The booklet, available in Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Urdu and Bengali, was published by Asian Sheltered Residential Accommodation (ASRA) together with Disability Alliance Educational and Research Association.

Copies are available from: ASRA 5a Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7XW. Tel: 928-9379

'A New Partnership' is a new monthly publication resulting from the merger between two publications; 'Race and Immigration' published by the Runnymede Trust and 'Ethnic Minorities Digest' published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

This publication focuses on such issues as; immigration policy - law and practice; anti-discrimination law and practice; racial violence and harassment; education; housing; employment; media treatment of race; anti racist-initiatives and campaigns; for courses and conferences; new developments in the voluntary sector; etc.

Price per copy: £8 for individuals £10 for voluntary groups, £12 for other institutions.

Further details from the Runnymede Trust, 178 North St, W1 2NB. Tel: 387-8943. Or from NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU. Tel: 636-4066.

#### 'OPENING UP - GOOD PRACTICES IN MENTAL HEALTH

A new publication on Mental Health services in Islington which pays particular attention to the implications of the closure of Friern Hospital. It looks at projects which work towards improving 'care in the community'.

Its other feature is that of breaking away from previous 'Good Practices' studies by highlighting both positive and negative elements in the planning process which can affect response to hospital closures.

'Opening Up' is jointly published by Islington MIND and Islington Community Health Council (CHC). Copies of this publication can be obtained from:

Islington MIND, 8 Manor Gardens, N7. Tel: 272 6797. Or from: Islington CHC., 6-9 Manor Gardens N7. (At £1.50 incl of P&P)



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## THE BOOKPLACE

1. AN EXPERIENCED NUMERACY TUTOR IS REQUIRED TO COVER A MATERNITY LEAVE FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER. The successful candidate will:

- Team-Teach in numeracy classes
- Work in the bookshop
- Be involved in general collective duties.

2. AN EXPERIENCED FINANCE WORKER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE UP THE FULL-TIME POST AT THE BOOKPLACE.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Maintain adequate financial records for all parts of the project and keep up-to-date accounts of all financial transactions,
- Provide information to and provide reports and returns for funders.

c. Undertake fundraising for the project both for existing work and for new work in the pipeline.

APART FROM THE SPECIFIC DUTIES OF FINANCE WORKER, THE PERSON APPOINTED WILL BE EXPECTED TO SHARE IN THE GENERAL COLLECTIVE DUTIES.

APPLICATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BOTH POSTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOOKPLACE. THE CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED FOR BOTH POSTS WILL BE FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1987.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE NUMERACY POST WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY 1987.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE POST OF FINANCE WORKER WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1987.

THE BOOKPLACE, 13 PECKHAM HIGH ST LONDON SE15 Tel: 701 - 1757

## SILWOOD FAMILY CENTRE

Nursery Worker (s) Unqualified 25 hours per week Salary £6867 pro rata per annum incl. of London + Lewisham allowance Salaries at present under review.

Silwood Family Centre is an Urban Aid funded project on a multi racial inner city estate. We provide day care facilities for 16 under 5's, as well as a range of services to families with young children on the estate.

We are looking for two unqualified nursery workers to join our staff team.

Some experience of working with children an advantage. Enthusiasm and a commitment to anti-racist and anti-sexist ways of working would be welcome.

## SILWOOD FAMILY CENTRE

Neighbourhood Worker: Salary Scale 5 £9786 incl Lon Weighting + Lewisham allowance. Salaries at present under review.

Silwood Family Centre is an Urban Aid funded project on a multi racial, inner city estate, offering day care facilities for under fives as well as a range of other services to families with young children.

We are looking for a Neighbourhood Worker to join our staff team. She/he would be expected to work with families using the centre and provide a community development service to families with young children from the estate.

Enthusiasm and commitment to anti-racist, anti-sexist ways of working essential as experience of community development work in either a voluntary or paid capacity.

We would particularly welcome applications from black women workers.

Job description and application forms from Marina Shaftoe on 237 2376 : Closing date 20.2.87

## NUNHEAD DELI & WHOLEFOOD

Motivated, Hardworking People needed for wholefood/Delicatessen Retail Cooperative

Opportunity to become a full member of a developing cooperative business. Must be prepared to take responsibility for all aspects of running a small retail business.

At the moment the 3 coop members are women, one black, two white. We will welcome applications from anyone who is really interested.

Tel for more details: 732-5178 (9.30-4.30 weekdays only please)

## SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

REQUIRES

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER ( EDUCATIONAL/YOUTH) LOCUM to 30 June 1987

Commitment to and a sound knowledge to both fields are important.

SALARY £10,611 - £12,999 (inc. LW) The successful applicant will observe a programme of work originally approved by SCCR and the CRE.

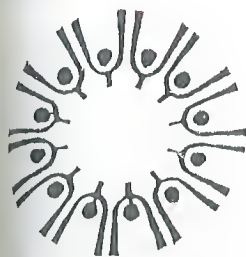
The person appointed will be expected to start immediately.

This post is funded by the Commission for Racial Equality

Application forms and further information from:

SCCR, 352/354 CAMBERWELL NEW ROAD LONDON SE5 DRW. Tel 274 - 8793.

CLOSING DATE : 9 FEBRUARY 1987



Southwark

Council For Voluntary Service

135 RYE LANE

Telephone 01-732-3731

MARCH

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NEWSLETTER

## WHAT SHOULD THE CO-OPTEEES DO NOW ?

It has been long recognised that black people are not fully represented within the existing local, or national structures for government decision making.

In 1981 The Home Affairs Committee on Racial Disadvantage reported that 'there is a strong obligation on Councils to set up a means of communication and consultation with ethnic minority groups' also recognition of the fact that racial disadvantage both direct and indirect occurs and this type of direct consultation was a means of ensuring that those in power are aware of the particular needs of black people.

There are many theories as to why black people have not joined political parties in significant numbers and several moves, most notably 'Labour Party Black Sections', to remedy this and to increase the influence of black people within the political structure. However representation within the political arena is not the only way in which the needs and aspirations of black people can be articulated within the political spectrum.

Since 1982 the Labour Party in Southwark has been committed to the system of co-options on to service committees in order that interests or under-represented groups can have a direct input into the decision making process. How this operates with regard to the race equality committee is that the black community elects six representatives to sit on that committee and the committee then ensures that other organs of the Authority take account of the needs and aspirations of black people in their policies and practices.

Co-options and in particular the way that the Race Equality Committee has gone about making them, is a contentious issue and not one I plan to go into in depth, but it is important to say that having six black people as part of the Race Equality Committee, who were selected by dubious and undemocratic processes, does not constitute consultation with the black community.

There are no short cuts to effective consultation. The Council is desperately trying to force the development of forums, partnerships, consortiums, in fact anything that will enable them to claim community involvement in the decision making process.

At the 1986 'A Way Forward' conference organised by the Race Equality Unit speakers emphasised that true consultation in a local authority is a process of development which in the case of Southwark starts with the co-option of black people to the Race Equality Committee and the implementation of mechanisms whereby the community can make an effective contribution to the decision making process of that committee.

At the present time co-optees are operating in a vacuum. After initial contact with community organisations who participated in their selection, no system have been devised to continue that contact. There is a real danger of co-optees losing touch with the community that they are to represent.

It is therefore proposed that a mechanism be developed for regular meetings between co-optees, black councillors and community representatives. The meetings will be open to any and all black people who live in the borough and wish to attend. /Conti.... ▶



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It is proposed that the meetings take place on a regular basis, approximately every six weeks to coincide with meetings of the Race Equality Committee. Race Committee agendas will be available for the meetings and this will give the community the opportunity to discuss the items and mandate co-optees to respond in a way that will reflect community concerns. The meetings will also give community representatives the opportunity to raise matters that should be addressed by the Race Equality Committee and to give members feedback on how policies and practices are operating throughout the Council.

The meetings are also an opportunity for the community to feed into the Council policy and decision making processes in a real way. Because of the informality of these meetings it is hoped that members of the community will feel free to come and express themselves, and in this way begin the process of learning the way the council works and how to make an impact on that process.

## CO-OPTIONS TO WOMENS COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee has agreed to co-opt seven local women onto the Committee to give women a greater say in what the Committee does. This letter gives preliminary notice of the arrangements and will be followed up with full details at the beginning of March. Meetings are being organised for particular groups of women, so they can find out about the women who put their names forward to be co-optees. You will be able to ask them questions about their views before voting for your co-optee. You may want to put your own name forward for consideration as a co-optee to the Committee.

The meetings are for:

**Black & Asian Women**  
Sat 21st March 2.30-5

**Women pensioners**  
Weds 1st April 2.30-5

**Lesbians** Sat 11th April 2.30-5

**Young women (18-25)**  
Tues 14th April 6.30-9

**Women with disabilities**  
Sat 2nd May 2.30-5

These meetings are not an attempt at a consultative Forum for the Race Equality Committee nor is it proposed that it should be involved in any way in prioritizing groups for Council grants. What it will do however is establish lines of accountability between the black community and co-optees, and ensure that sufficient information is given to black people about the work of co-optees to enable greater participation in the election process in the future. The meetings can also draw up acceptable guidelines and terms of reference for elections and the duties and responsibilities of co-optees.

Black people will be called together to discuss these proposals on **Wednesday 29th April 1987 at 7.00pm at Peckham Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5.**

It is important that black people particularly the silent majority who live with the maladministration and racism, make an input into these meetings.

This is the only way to ensure that the Race Equality Committee can effectively intervene to improve the quality of life for black people in Southwark.

All meetings are at the Town Hall Peckham Road, SE5. There is disabled access and we will be arranging some transport, a creche, signers, and interpreters for the meetings.

Full details about all these arrangements, together with nomination forms for co-optees will be circulated in early March. In the meantime, please put the appropriate dates in your diary and let other women know about the meetings.

For more details, please contact  
**Nathalie Hadjifotiou, Women's Equality Unit, 207 Havil St. SE5.**  
Tel: 703 0911.



## ALCOHOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

The Alcohol Counselling Service, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark, is in the process of developing a service particularly suited to the needs of lesbians and gay people. Presently we are looking for volunteers to work as counsellors and we wonder if you could help us.

The Alcohol Counselling Service is currently looking for lesbians and gay men and women who are comfortable with their sexual identity. We would like to train you to work as volunteer counsellors with lesbians and gay men who have a drink problem or who are close to someone with a drink problem.

Our aim is to develop a free confidential counselling (lesbian and gay alcohol problem service) service where individuals can define the ways in which alcohol causes them difficulties and work towards goals they choose for themselves. We want people to know that whether or not those difficulties are associated with their lesbian or gay lifestyles, their sexual orientation will be respected and shared by the counsellor.

Initially it is planned to develop a sessional point on a Tuesday afternoon/evening from ACS central offices in Brixton. In time it may be possible to offer counselling from other sessional points.

Prospective volunteers will be invited to attend a five day training course (if sufficient numbers come forward, a course will be held in April '87 for lesbians/gay men and women only) and those accepted as volunteers will receive regular supervision and training.

For further information contact:  
Graz or Ken on 737 3579/0

ACS especially welcomes lesbians and gay men and women from Ethnic communities and we actively pursue our equal opportunities policy.

## GENERAL Information

### CAMBERWELL CITIZEN ADVOCACY

Camberwell Citizen Advocacy Office are looking for volunteers who live in or near Nunhead, Peckham, Camberwell or East Dulwich to act as advocates in one to one relationships with a person with severe learning difficulties (mental handicap).

There are many people in the community with severe learning difficulties who are in need of additional friendship and support.

Some are living in ordinary homes in the community after having spent many years in large institutions; others may be leaving home after having lived for many years with their parents who now may have died or be too old to cope.



### HELP ON ARREST IN SOUTHWARK

If you're under 17 years of age, and have been arrested, the police will inform your parents or guardian.

If they cannot be contacted, (or if your parents prefer), you can ask the police to contact 'Help on Arrest in Southwark'. They will arrange for an authorised adult to attend the police station on your behalf.

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS, 352-354 CAMBERWELL NEW  
ROAD, SE5. TEL: 274 8793  
9.30am to 5.30pm weekdays

Either way, they may have few, if any, local friends or family to support them through, often major changes in their lives. They may often find it difficult to express themselves, even when they may be getting a 'raw deal' either because they are shy, because they find talking a difficult thing to do, or simply because they have been used to having their decisions and choice made for them.

The advocate's role will vary according to the needs of his/her partner, but will involve being a friend and counsellor, helping to solve practical and material problems and helping his/her partner to speak out for him/herself.

The advocate can support and help his/her partner to take part in social and leisure activities that most people take for granted and, in the long term, help them to become more a part of the local community.

Contact will vary according to need, circumstances and the wishes of the people involved, but a commitment of at least one year is needed. Camberwell Citizen Advocacy Office offer regular training, information and on going support to people willing to volunteer as citizen advocates.

For further information please contact: Kathy West or Carole Auger - Camberwell Citizen Advocacy Office, Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5 0HF. Tel: 708 1408



## TURKISH EDUCATION GROUP

The Turkish Education Group (T.E.G.) now has an Education Advice Worker- Sherife Mustafa.

As a result we hope to provide a more comprehensive service to the Turkish speaking community.

One of her initial tasks will be to establish and co-ordinate Mother Tongue teaching, the teaching of English as a second language (ESL), and also literacy classes.

A primary function will be to liaise with schools, Educational Institutions and Voluntary organisations and the educational needs of the Turkish speaking community.

Hopefully through this closer contact we will be able to identify and encourage possible school governors, hence creating greater interaction between the community and schools.

If you have any further queries either about your own, or your children's education, please contact us.

66, KINGS HENRY'S WALK,  
LONDON N1 4NJ.  
Tel: 249 - 6929

### GOOD PRACTICES IN MENTAL HEALTH

You are invited to attend a MEETING TO LAUNCH THE GOOD PRACTICES REPORT:

At Lewisham & North Southwark CHC  
13 Catford Broadway,  
London SE6. on Thursday 19 March  
at 12.30pm

Programme:

12.30 REFRESHMENTS

1.00 KINA AVEBURY: "Mental Health Services - National Scene"

1.20 LIZ SAYCE: Lewisham & North Southwark - The experience of the Local Project

1.45 COFFEE

ALL WELCOME FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT LIZ SAYCE  
on 690 - 4311 ext 6335

## TRANSLATED

Türk Eğitim Birliği'nin Türk toplumuna daha iyi hizmet verebilmek için şimdi bir Eğitim ve Öğretim Danışmanı var.

Türk Eğitim Birliği bünyesine Eğitim ve Öğretim Danışmanı olarak Katılan Şerife Mustafa'nın başlıca amaçları Türkçe anadili ve İngilizce ikinci dil Kurslarıyla okuma-yazma kurslarını düzenlemek,

Okullar, eğitim kuruluşları ve gönüllü kuruluşlarla ilişkiler kurup, Türk toplumu nun eğitim ve öğretim ile ilgili gereksinimlerine yanıt verebilmektir.

Dileriz bu yakın ilişkiler sonucu Türk toplumunu okul yönetimlerinde yer almaları yolunda teşvik eder, böylece onların da okullarla olan ilişkilerini yakınlaştırmış oluruz.

Sizin ve/veya çocuğunuzun eğitim ve öğretim ile ilgili sorunlarınız varsa lütfen bizi arayın.

Bilgi için: Serife Mustafa

THE DEPTFORD CENTRE SERVICE FOR  
WOMEN EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FEB-  
17th 1987.

If you are a single woman without children, and without permanent or satisfactory home, for instance if you are in bed and breakfast, sleeping on a friend's floor, squatting, sleeping rough, or experiencing any form of housing difficulty, you may be interested in our new service.

Open every Tuesday for women only  
The Deptford Centre is offering a multi-racial service with:

- \* A morning Drop-In
- \* Advice & Information on Housing Welfare Rights, Employment, Education and Health.
- \* Activities ranging from household maintenance, to self defence to arts and crafts to performing arts.
- \* Tea & Coffee and Lunch available.

Open 10.30am to 4.00pm at  
At 53 DEPTFORD BROADWAY, DEPTFORD  
London SE8 - Tel 692 - 5252  
(entrance next to furniture store  
.....)

## SOUTHWARK WELFARE RIGHTS

### TRAINING COURSES\*

#### WELFARE BENEFITS- BASIC COURSE:

Tuesday & Wednesday 3rd-4th March  
2 Day Course)

#### TACKLING FUEL DEPTS

Tuesday, 10th March (1 Day Course)

#### BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE ON LOW PAY

Tuesday, 17th March (1 Day Course)

#### IMMIGRATION, NATIONALITY AND THE EFFECTS ON BENEFITS

Wednesday, 18th March (1 Day Course).

#### BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday & Wednesday, 24th-25th March (2 Day Course).

#### BENEFITS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Tuesday, 31st March (1 Day Course)

All our courses are FREE and are open to people who live or work in Southwark.

The all day courses start at 9.30 am and finish at 4.30pm. They are held at Peckham Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5

We can pay BABYSITTING MONEY- ask for forms (The money takes 6 weeks to come through)

For more information on this contact: Ms Pauline Stone  
Room 408 Town Hall, Peckham SE5.

## ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

ROCKINGHAM WOMENS PROJECT  
ACTIVITY DAY - EVERY THURSDAY 2-9  
A RANGE OF CLASSES Creche \* Cafe  
Please check with the Community Centre about these classes as the times may be changed.

Contact: Helen, Brigitte, Laura, Sylvia, Moghira.  
at ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
ROCKINGHAM ESTATE, SE1 /  
Tel 403 - 7475.

## HIGHLIGHT!!

### WHAT IS THE INNER AREA PROGRAMME FOR AND HOW CAN WE USE IT?

Two training days for voluntary organisations run by the **Urban Unit** at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

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| Birmingham | Mon  | 23rd | March |
| Leeds      | Tues | 17th | March |

Find out how in different areas of the country.

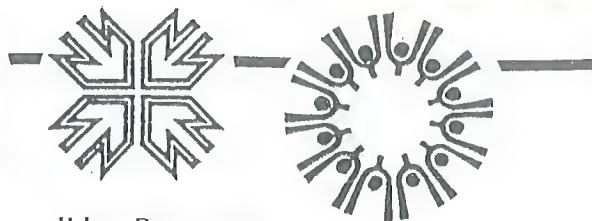
- \* Groups work to get a fair deal for black people
- \* Voluntary Organisations get consulted about A.P.
- \* Urban Programme money contributes to strategies for inner areas - not just random projects.

Deadline for booking 10th March  
Book through **Urban Unit, NCVO**,  
26 Bedford Sq. WC1B 3HU. Tel: 636 4066.

Veronica Ward at SCVS also has more details.

- \* Inner Area Programme money is important for the Voluntary Sector in Southwark.
- \* It needs to be very widely publicised.
- \* We need to make sure we have good consultation processes about the Programme in Southwark

This Conference hopefully will help us with this, see also letter about Urban Programme in this mailing.



### Urban Programme (Inner Area Programme)

SCVS & SCCR have written jointly to Anna Whyatt, the Chief Executive of Southwark Council about consultation in relation to the Inner Area Programme.

The letter follows amicable discussions with Council officers and we do not see this area as being particularly contentious. However it is complicated and pushing forward on consultation has to move forward on a number of fronts simultaneously.

In the letter to Anna Wyatt we have made the following points:

1. The Council and Voluntary organisations need to press the government to make more money available to inner cities through the Urban Programme. The total allocation to the Urban Programme continues to go down in real terms. The government is obviously using this small sum to claim a commitment to inner areas.

2. We need to continue to press the DoE to change the criteria to allow for more 'social' projects and to change the capital/revenue ratio so that there is more revenue. As we are all aware, it is running costs that are almost impossible to obtain except through public funds.

3. Consultation about the Programme is an entirely separate exercise to letting groups know about the practical details of applying for funding, interview dates etc.

4. What is really important is that there should be very widespread publicity about the availability of the Programme money for voluntary organisations. Just using the standard mailing lists of the Council and voluntary organisations will not necessarily get through to new groups or those groups which could make use of the environ-

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mental and economic money. There will need to be wide publicity in the local and black press and each voluntary organisation and council department which has community links and a good network either in a neighbourhood or in the borough as a whole will need to use them to ensure maximum coverage. Agencies looking at employment issues and in touch with a wide range of black groups will have a particularly important role.

5. Consultation in relation to the Programme and the boroughs priorities should start soon. Consultation meetings, as well the publicity, should be widely advertised to the whole of the voluntary sector.

If there are any other major directions your organisation think is important in relation to community involvement in the Urban Programme please let SCCR or SCVS know.

**People With Disabilities - Paintings and Drawings needed**  
The Council has designated 27th. April 'Disabilities Week in South wark'. If you have a disability, the Council wants you to provide a drawing or painting for one of the posters which will be used to publicise the week - any theme can be used.

Send it to: Veronica Trim, Information Officer, Social Services Dept., Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, SE1 with your name and address, by 13th. March, 87. For further info ring 703 6363 ext251

## Conference

**Whose Environment Is It Anyway?**

A one-day conference on social issues and the environment, sponsored by Labour MEPs, Friends of the Earth and the Coop.

**Saturday, 14th. March at the South Bank Polytechnic.** Speakers include Ken Livingston and Jonathan Porritt. Creche available. Book from: Andy Love, Political Ctte, London CRS, 78-102, The Broadway, Stratford E15 1NL.



### CHANGE OF ADDRESSES IN SOUTHWARK

PECKHAM BLACK WOMENS GROUP  
HAVE MOVED TO:  
69, BELLENDEN ROAD,  
LONDON SE15 5BH.

Tel: 358 - 1486

Open Times: Mon - Thur 10.00 5.00  
Closed for lunch 1.00 - 2.00

### SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S EQUALITY UNIT "HURRAY THEY HAVE MOVED"

From March 1st, the Women's Equality Unit is in a bigger, brighter premises, The address is 207 HAVIL STREET, LONDON SE5  
Tel: 703 - 0911. Please contact us there from now on, and ask the telephonist to put you through to the unit. To book the Women's Community minibus, please continue to phone Barbara Allen on 701 - 9069 and leave a message on the ansaphone. Your enquiries can only be dealt with via that number.

### CONDOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

As from the 1st April 87' The new Condor Volunteer Service will be open to the public and groups in southwark.

This agency will do almost anything in the line of volunteer work, ie Driving people with disabilities to and from hospital lifting objects for the elderly in thier homes.

All staff carry a identification badges, and they are also uniformed.

Contact Mr Bethel or Mr Akehurst on 701 - 9522

address 4 Drinkwater House,  
Pieron Street, London SE5 7PL.

### PUBLICATION

#### HEALTH HELP 87/88

Thames TV's popular HELP! Programme brings almost daily pleas from patients and their families for information on how to cope with many common, and not so common, health problems. To try and meet this demand, the HELP! Programme has supplied enquirers with a directory of helping organisations which was last issued in 1984.

Now this enlarged, updated edition is for the first time brought to the notice of a wider public. It is intended not only for sufferers and those who care for them, but also for use by doctors and other professional health workers; social workers; citizens advice bureaux and other advice agencies.

The directory comprises some 700 organisations, including established national bodies like the Red Cross or NSPCC; self-help groups dealing with a particular disorder; and advice and counselling services. Information is given over a very wide range of interest groups, including :

- \* complementary medicine - acupuncture, homoeopathy etc,
- \* sufferers from rare disorders
- \* those set up by and for ethnic minorities
- \* some not strictly concerned with health, but affecting overall well-being

Organisations are listed alphabetically in the main directory, and also under subject headings in the index.



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## NEWSLETTER

### INNER AREA PROGRAMME - RESULTS

These are the projects that have been funded:

Walworth City Farm  
Black Roof Housing  
Tabard Out Of School Project  
St. Faiths Youth & Community Project  
Phoenix Womens Health Organisations  
Caribbean Teachers Association (with an application through the ILEA).

£60,000 has also been allocated for holiday playschemes.

This means that the total for voluntary organisations comes to **£363,500** through Southwark plus **£6,900** through the ILEA for the Caribbean Teachers Assoc.

These are disappointing results:

Southwark was made a Programme area by the DoE with a great flourish last August and the promise of much more money.

The Borough and the voluntary sector both put bids in and as far as we could work out at the time, the ratio was about half voluntary sector bids and half Council bids.

In total Southwark has recieved £1½ m so far for 87/88 through IAP. Within this the Council itself has received by far the largest share of this money.

On the face of it, it looks as if the voluntary sector has lost out.

The Borough has asked the DoE for reasons why so many of the voluntary sector projects were rejected and we will report on this when the Council gets the answers. Two voluntary sector projects have had a decision deferred until the DoE has more information.

So there is a the possibility of a bit more money.

Here is what the figures look like:

Council projects **£895,000**

Voluntary sector **£363,500**

ILEA **£41,900**

Joint Council/ **£95,400**

Health Authority

Joint council/ **£28,500**

ILEA

The new criteria set out by the DoE also has not helped. Of the total allocation 35% had to be economic (Jobs & training) 35% environmental and 30% 'social' - which includes everything not coming under the other two catagories. This would obviously include a very broad range of projects.

The bulk of the economic and environmental projects were Council projects but one of the voluntary sector projects, the Walworth City Farm was put by the Council under the Environmental head. This project was moved by the DoE to the 'social' catagory which indicates how much harder it might be to gain money for the voluntary sector under the economic and environmental head. It further squeezes the voluntary sector into the least resourced catagory and indicates how urgently we need to develop viable projects which can use the IAP money in its new form.

All the voluntary sector 'economic' projects were rejected and we wait to find out why.

The whole question of the criteria of course reflects the broad thrust of present government policy on inner cities and the way the Urban Programme is now being used to achieve this. Money is available for fairly narrowly defined employment creation and training and face lift work but is not readily available for advice centres, womens groups, black self help groups, projects for the mentally handicapped and so on.



The message from these results would seem to be that there is little hope of new money for these kinds of projects through being a Programme area.

It is a gloomy prospect.

## THE INNER AREA PROGRAMME

The Inner Cities Unit of the National Council for Voluntary organisations recently ran a conference for voluntary organisations in new programme areas.

The main purpose of the meeting was to put together points to go to Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment about improvements that could be made to the Inner Area Programme process.

The main points made were as follows:

1. Again- voluntary organisations and community groups need core revenue funding in order to operate. (however beautiful and expensive the building may be). There are few sources of money for these essential costs. MSC money which provided unskilled and short term staff does not begin to meet this need.

2. Black and Ethnic minority groups are supposed to have priority through the Urban Programme

Funding for these groups is not stated in the priorities set out by the DoE which are:

- Employment & Training
- 'to strengthen the social fabric of the Inner City and encourage self help'
- The reduction of acute housing stress.

It was agreed to state that funding for black & ethnic minority groups should be a stated priority.

3. A clear distinction must be recognised by the DoE between groups and organisations which provide a service to black and ethnic minority groups and those projects run by black and ethnic minority organisations. (There were also some complaints by black groups that organisations were claiming a service to black people which was not always delivered).

Similarly a distinction needs to be made between groups working for or being run by people with disabilities. It was agreed to ask the DoE for a breakdown of the groups that have been funded into the two categories.

4. That the DoE should give clear guidelines to Councils on the consultation process.

It is being interpreted very differently from one Borough or County to another.

5. To tell the DoE that there are limited resources within the voluntary sector 'service' the new Urban Programme work.

Resources need to be made available from IAP money to do this work.

6. Strategies should be equal opportunity based. The DoE needs to respect local strategies.

7. The criteria are proving unrealistic. There is little other money available for 'social' projects. So far voluntary organisations are finding that their arguments for being an 'economic' project (eg a working nursery) are tending to be rejected by the DoE.

8. It was felt that there was considerable lack of clarity on what sort of projects the DoE was prepared to accept. There were hoops to jump through but they seemed to change all the time or putting it another way the the DoE was constantly moving the goal posts. There was it felt a hidden agenda. Groups in need of funding simply never find out what sort of projects meet the criteria.

9. It was agreed to ask the DoE to state why when projects applications were rejected.

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The conference also looked closely at how the local consultation process could be improved.

The voluntary sector in all areas represented has had to press Councils for an early start to the consultation process.

Also it was felt strongly that a Borough strategy should start with the local community- taht it should be a 'bottom up' process.

Finally the voluntary sector often found itself fobbed off by both Councils and the DoE. Each institution could claim it was the others fault or responsibility and community groups are left stranded in the middle.

We will be talking about the Urban Programme at the Open Forum on 19th May 2.30pm - Library Hall North Peckham Civic Centre.

We must have good consultation this year. We need to go on demanding changes in the criteria from the DoE.

Come to the meeting to talk about these points.

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# MORE INFO...

## WOMEN IN PRINT- EXHIBITION

An exhibition featuring women in the printing industry is now available on free loan from the Strategic Policy Unit.

The exhibition aims to encourage all women to consider printing as a potential source of employment particularly young women school leavers, women returning to paid work and women who are already in the industry but who would like to retrain for non-traditional skilled areas of work. The exhibition can be hired as part of a package with a 30 minute video entitled "NO SET TYPE" which would appeal to the young woman school leaver.

However the exhibition can stand on its own without the video and would be suitable for a hall or foyer entrance area where women are likely to see it.

The exhibition consists of free standing panels, reaching 7 feet in height with a maximum length of 24 feet. It is possible however, to stand the exhibition in less space than its total length suggests as it needs to be positioned in a zig-zag fashion for maximum stability. The exhibition is complete with stands and needs no other additions. For further information please contact: MITRA JALALI on 633 3813 or 633 3925 LSPU (EPG), Room 407 MIDDLESEX HOUSE, 20, VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD, SW1



## BLACKFRIARS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

BLACKFRIARS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT COMMUNAL DARK ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE.

PHONE DAVID LEWIS - 01-237-9312



## VIDEO UNIT



We are a group of professional Video workers with experience in community and commercial areas. We have worked together for the past year with the financial assistance of NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) and Greater London Arts, providing training and production assistance for community groups. We are aware of the lack of such a facility in the borough of Southwark, and have established ourselves in training and production in Video for the local community of Southwark.

We are currently running a series of Training Workshops, the courses are aimed at the local community but priority of places will be given to the unemployed.

For more information ring: 733 - 4668

## OSCAR SICKLE CELL SEMINAR

on Thursday, 21st May 1987.

10 am - 4pm.

at Health Education, South Wing Nurses' Home, Lewisham Hospital, High St. SE13 6LH.

The Seminar is for workers who may come into contact with Sickle Cell sufferers in their job. It aims to:

1. Enable workers to become aware of the problems encountered by Sickle Cell sufferers.
2. Share information about services available.
3. Identify areas that need developing and initiate change.

A Doctor, a Sickle Cell sufferer and a Social Worker from OSCAR will speak in the morning. Workshops will be held in the afternoon.

Organised by OSCAR in conjunction with Wells Park Health Project and Health Education, Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority.

NB Please find return slip with this mailing.

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## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND WANT A PLAYGROUND CONSULTANT:

Save the Children Fund in Southwark is negotiating with local community organisations in the north of the borough the hand-over of their playgroups which have been running for many years. While the discussions take place about the terms and conditions for the existing staff under the new community based management, it will be necessary for the parents to become more formally involved in the management of the group, perhaps initially in the form of a support group within the larger organisation.

Save the Children is wishing to appoint an individual or a local agency to act as consultants to the staff and the parent groups to enable them to move forward into the new organisations as a stronger group of parents and staff together.

If you or your agency has experience in working with parents in this way and you would like to hear more of what is involved please contact:

Susan Gray at the Southern Region Office, Goldhawk House, 49 GOLDHAWK ROAD, LONDON W12.

Tel: 743 - 3311

## INFO

### HOLIDAY CARE SERVICE

What is the Holiday Care Service?

The Holiday Care Service is a registered charity which provides free information and advice on holidays for people with special needs-those who are elderly, disabled, one parent families or people with difficult circumstances which make it hard to find a suitable holiday.

How can the Holiday Care Service be contacted?

By letter or telephone at: 2 OLO BANK CHAMBERS, STATION ROAD, HORLEY, SURREY RH6 9HW

Tel: Horley (0293) 774535

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# SOUTHWARK CARNIVAL 30th MAY 1987

The Mayor of Southwark's Common Good Trust is a local charity set up to help the old, needy and handicapped of the London Borough of Southwark. The Trust raises funds in various ways to help those who find themselves in extreme financial need, the handicapped - by buying equipment and funding various activities, by running parties for the elderly and handicapped at Christmas and by providing holidays for those who, due to financial stress, would otherwise be unable to have one.

One of the many ways by which we raise funds is by holding the "Southwark Carnival". The Carnival procession runs for 4½ miles through the major shopping areas of the Borough and finishes on Peckham Rye, where the Peckham Rye Gala weekend will be taking place.

If your organisation would like to take place in the procession, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us as soon as possible. As space in the Carnival procession is limited, an early application is advised.

If you would like more information on the Carnival, or on the work of the Mayor of Southwark's Common Good Trust, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JESSIE CANNON  
MAYOR

## PUBLICATIONS

### THREE NEW TITLES FROM F.W.A.

Three autobiographies, telling directly and movingly of social problems of today.

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# NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ONE PARENT FAMILIES



## SINGLE PARENTS IN SOUTHWARK - CREATIVE NETWORKS USING THE NETWORKS.

In January 1986 the National Council for One Parent Families put on a two day Welfare Rights course for lone parents funded by the European Second Poverty Programme.

On February 18th this year there was a follow up day with organisations in Southwark of single parents and organisations supporting single parents. NCOPF wanted to have the day to discuss the needs of lone parents in Southwark and look at ways in which voluntary and statutory groups might work together to address those needs.

The day coincided with the launch of the Local Resource Guide for One Parent Families in Southwark Which hopefully will get a wide circulation in the Borough.

One of the main points that came out of the day was that although a number of good resources are available for single parents to use e.g advice, resource centres, projects and organisations, the information about them is not getting through to all those who can make use of them. **It was felt that single parents needing resources are not able to get the information they need.**

Information tends to stay within 'professional' channels. We all in the voluntary sector and statutory sector have the task of getting the information we have beyond these channels and creating networks which reach a much wider range of people.

"Most women do not belong to standard organisations" was one comment made at the conference. The booklet is seen as one way of getting round this but it needs to be distributed **widely**.

Groups of single parents do want to set up their own support networks and self help groups but they need to know where to find help to do this.

How can well established voluntary organisations help with this? perhaps particularly by looking at how well we publicise our services and how easy and accessible are they to use.

A small group after the conference thought they might meet on an informal basis to look at this. If anyone has any further ideas about how networks can be improved for single parents, we would like to hear them. Also if anyone is interested in joining the informal group, contact EVE or VERONICA at SCVS.

### IN BRIEF

The discussion around applying to Charitable Trusts for Lone Parents wanting to start up their own self help group was introduced by Sharyn Hedge (NCOPF)

Sharyn's compilation of the main charities that have given small grants in the past to self help projects was well recieved.

It was also made very clear that many small groups do not have easy access to the Directory of Grant Making Trusts let alone afford one this point was picked up by Veronica and Eve - The directory would be advertised every month in the SCVS Newsletter to enable groups or self help projects to come and have a look at the Directory and perhaps take copies of relevant pages.

**Creating a better Network in Southwark** for users or advisers of one parent families.

Jay Nairn (Southwark Libraries) highlighted this point, Jay told the conference that Southwark Libraries are in the process of compiling all the groups and organisations into specialised headings, so that any body that wants a list of all the groups that cater for single parent families, or any catagorised group, would be able to just have the one list knowing that all the groups on the list only specialises on that particular area.

Every one agreed that this was a good idea and hoped that it gets off the ground soon.

Jay pointed out that this is taking a lot of time because records are being up-dated all the time, but hopefully this problem will be resolved.

We will let you know more about this list when it comes available.

**THE DATE FOR THE NCOPF INFORMAL  
MEETING IS FRIDAY 8th MAY at 2.00  
at S.C.V.S.**



**(NCOPF)**



# INFORMATION

## SCVS VOLUNTARY SECTOR OPEN FORUM

Voluntary Sector Open Forum for all voluntary organisations in Southwark.

**Tuesday 19th May at 2.30pm  
at The North Peckham Civic Centre  
Library Hall.**

We will be discussing:

1. Voluntary sector relations with the Council- Proposals for liaison meetings
2. The MSC Community Programme
3. Inner Area Programme- The Urban Programme.

## THE PARENT NETWORK

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A new project to set up support groups for parents is now under way and by the end of 1987 there will be around 70 groups in the London area.

The Parent Network was founded last year to fill a significant gap in education for parenthood. Starting in London, it aims to establish a national network of parent support groups over the next few years. It has initial funding from a charitable trust and aims to become largely self financing.

The network is currently training parents to become group leaders (known as co-ordinators) to set up groups in their own communities and would like to recruit applicants from the Southwark area. Those who already have some experience of working with adults, either in a voluntary or professional capacity, are likely to be most suitable,

but applications are invited from any parent interested in this work.

The Network is keen to encourage applicants for training from cultural backgrounds. Also welcome are those who are interested in working with parents with special needs.

The core of the support groups is a specially developed programme called Parent-Link, in which participants meet once a week over a 12 week period. It is a way for parents to get together to help each other find answers to the challenges of everyday family life in all its diverse forms.

Participants are able to explore what it means to be a parent, how to do their best for their children and to learn some of the skills of communication which are so essential to healthy relationships within the home.

The Co-ordinators receive special training over six weekends in the skills of group facilitation and communication. After completing the course, they are authorised by The Parent Network to run Parent-Link groups and continue to receive practical support and educational materials.

Two separate training courses for Co-ordinators are being held this year. The first (introductory) weekends take place in June or July, and the remaining five weekends between September and December.

Open evenings for those interested in becoming Co-ordinators are being held on Wednesday 15 April, Thursday 14 May, Wednesday 3 June and Tuesday 30 June. All meetings take place at 7.00pm at The Parent Network,  
**44-46 CAVERSHAM ROAD,  
KENTISH TOWN, LONDON NW5 2DS,**  
Tel: **01-485 8535**. Please ring in advance if you wish to attend. For further information please contact **Ivan Sokolov** or **Wendy Rose-Neil**.

### NEWS RELEASE:

#### EMPTY PROPERTY 'HOTLINE' SERVICE LAUNCHED:

In a major initiative to cut the number of its empty properties, Southwark Council has launched a 'hotline' telephone service.

Tenants who see a council property become empty can now report it immediately to the Housing Department by using the new 24 hour freephone service. If the property is available for letting steps will be taken swiftly to find a new tenant and secure it to prevent it from being taken over by squatters.

The service went into action on Monday 16th March. All the caller has to do is dial 100 and ask the operator for Freephone 7993.

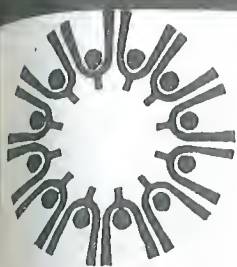
It is an 'ansa-phone' system just leave the address of the empty property concerned. No other business will be dealt with.

With 62,000 properties, Southwark is the largest landlord in London, so naturally delays in re-letting occur. But there have been added problems when tenants move out to a new home without informing the council. Before the council workforce are alerted to make the empty property secure and prepare it for the new tenant squatters move in. The hotline service will help prevent this happening.

The scheme was the idea of the Southwark Empty Property Action Group. Cllr Dave Fryer, Chair of EPAG, said, "The hotline can be used to trigger our Housing Department into action and speed up re-letting. We hope this new scheme will be an initiative upon which the council and tenants can act together to help solve this problem."

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Southwark

Council For Voluntary Service

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NEWSLETTER

### ▲ Inner Area Programme

The results of last year's IAP (Urban Aid) applications are now available.

How can we ensure that the consultation for next year's applications will be better?

How can we make use of this money in a way which is more relevant to Southwark's needs?

VOLUNTARY SECTOR  
OPEN FORUM

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, May 19th.

★ 2.00pm

North Peckham Civic Centre

### ▲ MSC Funding

Will Southwark Council be using MSC money funding for its own projects?

Will Southwark Council become a 'managing agency' for distributing MSC money to voluntary organisations?

What are the problems?  
What are the issues?  
What stand should voluntary organisations take on the use of MSC money in this present funding crisis?

### ▲ Voluntary/Statutory Liaison

The voluntary sector wants greater partnership with the Council. The Council are now proposing ways of liaising with the voluntary sector.

But can we agree on which structures are best for carrying this out? How do we make sure that these important structures are open, democratic and accountable.

★ Please Note: at 2.00pm we are having a  
special agenda item for  
Social Services Funded Groups

This will be to discuss the current reviews taking place and to talk together about the relationship between Social Services funded groups and the Social Services Department.

For further information contact: Liz, Veronica or Ai Meun  
at SCVS tel 732 3731



# SOUTHWARK LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

## SOUTHWARK LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACIAL HARASSMENT

A campaign against racism, based on the slogan "Southwark fights back against racial harassment" has been launched by the borough council.

The campaign, translated into Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Chinese, Vietnamese, Turkish and Greek, will use large poster sites and leaflets.

The message of the campaign centres on the fact that culprits can be fined and imprisoned for racial harassment as well as being evicted from council housing. Leaflets will be distributed throughout the council's 63,000 homes. Tenants will be reminded that the council will take court action to evict and prosecute culprits while the victims of harassment will receive council help in obtaining compensation through the courts.

The largely successful information day on Racial Harassment for Urdu and Bengali-speaking women living on Rockingham Estate is to be followed up with

1) Meetings of the participants to assess what further information/advice they would like; and to discuss the possibility of setting up a self-help/defence group.

2) Meetings of the organisers to discuss the viability of similar information days to take place on other estates.

If you would like to be involved in either of these meetings, contact: HARSHA on 01-732-3640.



## FORWARD PLANNING GROUP (BLACK SECTIONS)

The Southwark Advice Agencies Forward Planning Group (FPG) - BLACK SECTION was officially launched on 9th April with a well-attended public meeting. Speakers Cllr Winston Stafford and Gulam Mayet addressed the issue of the need to make advice services in Southwark more accountable to the needs of its black residents. Masti Badii, from the Advice Services Alliance and Gerry Amens, ACTSS shop steward, then talked about increasing support and funding for black advice workers and black community organisations.

FPG - Black Section has been meeting for over a year now to push that a black perspec-

tive be formally incorporated into FPG's constitution policies and work-plan. FPG-Black Section, currently made up of black advice workers and community workers in the borough, felt that this was important because FPG, a forum for advice agencies, was having considerable influence with the council with regards advice-giving strategies and funding for

## CAMPAIGN FOR MUSTAFA TUCCAR



### PLEASE DONATE

Mustafa Tucca is a Cypriot aged 19. He was serving his national service when a bomb with a defect exploded in his hand. He was badly injured with critical burns to his body and face, he lost his right hand, his face is still in such a state that he has difficulty eating through his mouth, his eyes are unable to shut even when he is sleeping. He was in a situation of no hope until he came to the U.K. seeking final hope, and that's where we came in.

A Cypriot doctor has taken Tuccar to a specialist to find out whether anything could be done to improve Tuccar's injuries. The result of the enquiries was hopeful, but there is one other problem, the series of operations which NEEDS TO BE DONE IS GOING TO COST £5,500 (app.) Tuccar is unable to raise this amount by himself and we as a Cypriot Group have started a campaign to raise this money. We in the Cypriot community have several bands who themselves are preparing to give a concert for the aid of Mustafa Tuccar. However we are also trying to raise cash through collecting contributions, and we are asking you to help us if you could raise the money. SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO 'THE SOUTHWARK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY GROUP' c/o 135 RYE LANE SE15 4TL.

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## A WAY FORWARD

It has long been recognised that the black community has been underrepresented within Southwark's Council. The needs of the black community have constantly been ignored and at best marginalised into irrelevancies compared to Hackney, Brent or Lambeth, Southwark has limped behind miserably.

A body has been set up to safeguard the interests of the black community "The black communities Consortium". It aims to reflect the black communities and realise its concern and demands.

Despite the lengths of time that blacks have been present in Southwark there has been no cohesive voice speaking out for its community. They have allowed the council to be undemocratic. For this reason in recent years the labour run council have been permitted to enjoy many a black vote but in return, they have not provided adequate equality of service or allotted adequate resources.

The "Black Communities Consortium" was set up on 25th April 1987. It affirms the presence of Southwark's black people. Its focus will be upon issues which effect the community as a whole but where the black communities do not experience equality of service provision or input into policy which effects their lives. Some of the areas which have already been identified are: Social Services, Housing, Unemployment business, public protection, Leisure and Recreation Planning.

Equality and a demand for representation appear to be its main watchwords. More than 50 percent of the black households are headed by women. The consortium place great emphasis that its composition reflect their community. In addition, the consortium recognises that the history of racism is herstory too. That the fight against the inequality of racism is not a fight against a white patriarchy to be replaced with a black patriarchy. Equality on all fronts is the only way to progress.

It is purported that it is by the natural order, or by their ignorance, or by inexperience that are the reasons why the black community should be held in check. The consortium intends to dispel the myth and will eventually ensure that the council will hear its voice, and act upon demands.

If you are a member of the black community, then get involved.

### Publicity Officer.

Please contact : SECRETARY on 01 - 701 - 2077.

The next meeting of 'BLACK COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM' is on SATURDAY 30th MAY 1987 at 12.00 till 4.00pm COMMITTEE ROOM D. PECKHAM TOWN HALL, PECKHAM ROAD, LONDON SE5.

creche, tea, coffee.

## AGE CONCERN

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#### INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE: CLAIMS DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Secretary of State for Social Services announced on the 22 December, 1986, that the deadline has been extended for married women to claim the **Invalid Care Allowance** with full backdating of payments.

The deadline has been set for **31 December, 1986**. It has been **extended to 31 August, 1987** married women who claim **Invalid Care Allowance** by this date may have their payments **backdated to 22 December, 1984**, if they qualified for this allowance at that date.

#### GAS/ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTIONS

Both Boards have a **Code of Practice** and do not cut people off during the winter months if non payment occurs in a pensioner household. However, unless you inform the Boards that you are over **retirement age**, they could come to disconnect supplies not realising your age. All you need do is ask both Boards to note

any chance, the Boards are intending to disconnect, they will know immediately that you are a pensioner.

If you are in difficulties, however, please contact the Boards immediately and we will also help you try to sort out any problems

#### DOOR CHECKS AND VIEWERS -

#### WINDOW LOCKS

Age Concern Southwark will fit, free of charge including free door checks and viewers while supplies last, these security devices to elderly peoples homes providing they live in privately rented or owner occupied homes. If you live in Council property, you will also receive this service, but you should contact your local **Housing District Office**. The locks etc. have been supplied by the Council. Please contact: **Age Concern Southwark's Dulwich Office, 3 The Parade, Dog Kennel Hill, SE22. Tel No:- 274-8097.** If you have any problems if you live in Council property, please also contact us.

If you live in Social Services - Area 5 (if in doubt, check with one of our offices), **free window locks** will be fitted. The procedure is the same as for door checks. We are approaching the Council to request that this service is extended to the whole of Southwark.

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If you would like further information please contact:- Erica Rogers, Age Concern, 160 Peckham Rye, SE22. Tel No:- 693-2118. Chris Lloyd, Adult Education. Tel No:- 639-1179.



## AGE CONCERN CONT...

### AGE CONCERN SOUTHWARK

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703-6105.

188 Jamaica Road, SE16.  
231-2286.

3 The Parade  
Felbridge House  
Dog Kennel Hill, SE22  
274-8097

## INFORMATION

### THE SOUTHWARK DRUGS MISUSE TRUST

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a leaflet about the new Drugs Misuse Trust. The trust has been established on the initiative of the borough convened Drugs Misuse Working Party and has been established to provide a local financial resource for existing projects and new initiatives concerned with tackling drugs and substance misuse in Southwark. The Trust accepts applications from:-

- Non statutory agencies or groups,
- Unconstituted bodies applying for small grants where there are links with a constituted body,
- Unconstituted groups working in partnership with statutory bodies

The first applications will be considered in July and October this year.

#### Application forms from:-

THE SOUTHWARK DRUGS MISUSE UNIT  
703 - 6311

### GAY MEN IN SOUTHWARK

GAY MEN IN SOUTHWARK is a new group. We are meeting regularly in Peckham on the first Tuesday evening of every month.

**2nd JUNE** Immigration Laws- racist and anti-lesbians and gay men. We will have a video and speaker from the Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign.

**7th JULY** Speaker to be invited from the Metropolitan Community Church.

We are also planning on having a barbecue in the summer and, perhaps, organising some theatre trips.

In recent months we have had discussions about AIDS, seen the FRAMED YOUTH and safe sex videos and organised trips to the ship and Whale pub and to see La Cage aux Folles.

We are also hope to be working to We also hope to be working to try to get Southwark Council to improve its services to gay men in the borough - or to set them up where they don't yet exist.

For more information - and especially if you are interested, but can't make Tuesday evenings - please ring John on **732 3640** (office hours) or write to us - GMIS, c/o HARU, 135 RYE LANE, SE15 4ST.

We aim to hold all our meetings in venues that are wheelchair accessible - but check for details of access.

Please contact us for details of our meetings and events - though we also try to place details regularly in Capital Gay, City Limits and Time Out.

### THE LEGISLATION FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

was set up in **October 1986** to combat legal discrimination against lesbian and gay people. It is open to everyone who supports this aim.

A campaign has been launched to make the next Parliament end legal discrimination against lesbian and gay people.

Legal discrimination goes far beyond the gay male age of consent. It affects lesbians just as much as - or even more than - gays.

Did you know that:-

- \* the law considers all lesbian gay sexuality to be against 'public policy' and 'public morality'
- \* lesbian and gay people can legally be sacked merely for their sexuality.

- \* courts often prevent lesbians and gay men and their children from living with each other
- \* 'public morality' laws are used to harass and restrict lesbian and gay social organisations, information services and publications, and to justify censorship.
- \* it is illegal for people of the same sex to show affection for each other in public.

Our first goal is for lesbian and gay people to discuss the changes we want in the law. LLGRC are setting up different group to organise this.

These discussions will come together in a major open conference on **23 and 24 May 1987** at the **Camden Centre, London**. LLGRC hope that the conference will agree on the main changes in the law that lesbian and gay people want from the next Parliament. For further details contact:- LLGRC, Room 221, 38 Mount Pleasant, London, WC1X 0AP. Tel No:- **833-3860**.

### COMMUNITY BUSINESS

COMMUNITY BUSINESS A NEW WAY TO WORK!

Second London Community Business Conference **Wednesday 15th July & Thursday 16th July 1987** at **Greenwich Borough Hall, Royal Hill, London SE10**.

Programme to include:

Panel of MPs

Review of current situation  
Workshops

Launch of Community Business  
London

Wednesday evening social Boat  
Trip from Westminster Pier to  
Greenwich

Disabled access  
Creche

## FPG - BLACK SECTION

advice services, whilst lacking the commitment to meet the demands being made by the black community.

Alongside this FPG - Black Section aims to continue to promote the profile of advice services provided by and for the black community, formulate policies on specific areas relating to advice provision e.g. racial harassment, immigration and provide support for black advice workers and volunteers.

Next meeting of Black Sections will on 2nd June, 2.00pm at SCVS 135 Rye Lane, SE15.



## Meeting Notes

After the conference called by the National Council for One Parent Families (we reported on this in the last newsletter) we had a meeting on Friday 8th May to follow up what the group could do to promote the needs of single parents in Southwark.

Southwark Gingerbread explained their urgent need for more space and their struggle to obtain premises at Castlemead (see article)

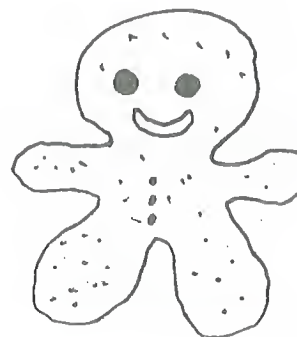
There was a feeling that single parents as a group get left out and that they need to have stronger voice in Southwark (eg, facilities for women are slowly improving but sometimes womens facilities which also for mothers exclude men single parents). There are many more single parents in Southwark than one group can cater for more self help groups are needed.

It was decided at the meeting:

- To do what we can to encourage more single parent self help groups.
- To promote the needs of single parents by having a week event, perhaps next spring including stalls at shopping centres and meetings with councillors.

The next meeting of the group will be on Friday 19th June at 1.30 - 3.30 at SCVS. Anyone interested is welcome to come along. There will be a creche.

they voted against us. So we now have to say 'SORRY, WE CAN'T ALLOW NO NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN SOUTHWARK GINGERBREAD, THE HALL WE USE IS FAR TOO SMALL.'



## SOUTHWARK

**SORRY**

WE CAN'T ALLOW NO MEMBERS TO JOIN SOUTHWARK GINGERBREAD. THE HALL WE USE IS FAR TOO SMALL???

We we met, was too small for our group to expand, the children were in the same room and we had nowhere to store items of equipment that we were acquiring.

As luck would have it, alternative premises were found very quickly. A new community centre was soon to be re-opened.

YES we could use it, once a week, but NO, you can't have any storage space. The Group decided to use it as an addition to our weekly meetings at Cambridge House, we would now be able to meet TWICE a week.

After much publicising and advertising of the new venue, the first day at our new venue came, BUT the caretaker with the keys DIDN'T most of the group were there and had had a 10 minute walk to get to the hall, which was in the middle of a very large council estate, after waiting for half an hour for the caretaker, who still didn't turn up, they refused to ever come back to that particular hall.

It took a year to get the disappointment and apathy out of their systems, before looking for another hall. In June 1986, a visit to the HOUSING OFFICER looked very promising.

## GINGERBREAD

A large hall, underneath a residential block of flats was mentioned. Could we please put a bid in for it. The bid was duly written and sent off, we sat back and waited and WAITED AND WAITED, until a phone call told us that he had done NOTHING YET' Could we speak with the LOCAL DISTRICT HOUSING OFFICER.

Many phone calls passed, always to remind them, please could you our bid forward to the Councillors on the HOUSING COMMITTEE.

It was now DECEMBER 1986 and we were informed that another group also wanted to have full use of the hall. The group was informed of this competition and a few members offered to speak to their LOCAL COUNCILLORS and try and gain support for Southwark Gingerbread.

We were getting somewhere, a council meeting was to be held in March, to decide who would get use of the hall.

Four members attended and nearly broke into fits of excitement, as the vote went in our favour, that was until one of the councillors said that he felt that the tenants of the flats above the hall should be asked who they would prefer.

The tenants association meeting was held in April,



## INFO CONTINUED

### ROOTS THEATRE CO U.K. SUMMER TOUR FOR CHILDREN JULY-AUGUST 1987 ANASI AND THE PIG

Due to the success of our Christmas Pantomime. Anasi and Bre'r Englishman we the Roots Theatre Company will once again be putting together another of the Anasi stories entitled Anasi and the Pig.

For a long time Anasi has featured prominently in Afro-Caribbean folk tales. The idea originated from Africa and has spread to the West Indies with Anasi always remaining the cunning half-spider, half-man trickster.

The story of Anasi and the Pig is particularly interesting: it combines the Afro-Caribbean idea with western setting, and therefore aims successfully at a multi-racial audience.

Between the ages of 3-16.

Undoubtedly, this makes a great musical, and it would be good entertainment for all kiddies throughout the Summer Holidays. Lots of audience participation. The duration of the show is 1 hour and we charge a maximum fee of £200.00 which is negotiable.

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT:-  
ADMINISTRATOR - 720-2707.

The Student Union at the South Bank Polytechnic is organising a survey of community interest in the scheme to develop The Vickers Building, Keyworth Street, SE1 to be used by students and members of the community. If you would like to complete the questionnaire or tell them that your group is interested contact Hilary Cohen of the Student Union at 261 - 1525. We have copies of the questionnaire at SCVS.

#### WANTED FOR PLAYSCHMES

BUGGIES (single or double), preferably large size. Must be in good roadworthy condition. CASH PAYMENT.

Contact: Leah Jones. Mental Handicap Project, Cambridge Hse,

## JOBS

### EAST DULWICH ESTATE TENANTS ASSOC

Requires a COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKER

To be part of a community work team with specific duties to manage the community centre, to be responsible for the fund-raising for the centre extension and the working with un-employed people. The Estate is a multi-racial community and someone with experience of working in a similar environment essential.

Applications from members of the black community are especially encouraged. SALARY: Scale 6 £10,908 pa. (inc London Weighting)

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 12th JUNE.

Please apply to; The Secretary, 28 PETWORTH HOUSE, PYTCHLEY ROAD, London SE22 8BY.

Tel: 274-0782/4944

EDETA aims to be an equal opportunities employer funded by the London Borough of Southwark.

#### BUSY ON THE RIVER PROJECT

The post of Assistant Skipper Fred Francis Narrow Boat,

The position of Assistant Skipper requires you to be able to deputise for the Skipper and to provide cover when he is sick. The person appointed would need to be able to show experience in dealing with young people and to have skills appropriate to water based activity.

Please apply by letter giving details of your past qualifications, experience and interests to Dick Edwards c/o Peckham Park JM School, Friary Road SE15.

Southwark Childrens Foundation seeks to be an equal opportunity employer. the Project is funded by the London Borough of Southwark. The person appointed will be paid on a sessional basis, details of which will be available to candidates called for interviews.

### THE RAINER FOUNDATION - INTERVAL PROJECT:

2 Workers, £10,908 - £11,964 inclusive (pro rata)

INTERVAL is an exciting and innovative project for young people in Peckham, South London.

The project offers homeless 16-21 year-olds black and white, men and women (although the majority are black women)- accommodation in shared housing, planned resettlement, advice and information on education, and to act as a positive resource. Due to staff changes and project development, we have vacancies for two staff to join our small non-hierarchical team. The staff are non residential.

#### Post 1: Housing Management/Administrator Worker (part-time), 17½ hours)

We need a worker to join the team to make primary responsibility for the housing management and the administration of the project. Applicants must have administrative and housing management skills/experience and should preferably have experience of working with young people in a multi-cultural setting.

#### Post 2: Locum Worker (Full time)

A worker is needed to join the team as soon as possible for a period of three months as a Locum Worker. The worker will be expected to take on all aspects of work in a project that provides housing resettlement and education for young people, and therefore must have experience of this type of work.

Details and application form available from the RAINER FOUNDATION 227-239 TOOLEY STREET, LONDON SE1 2JX.

Telephone - 01 403 - 4434  
Closing date 18th May 1987  
Interviews will be held on 27th/28th May 1987.

The current Interval office is up four flights of stairs.

Applicants must have a commitment to equal opportunities and to challenging racism, sexism, and heterosexism.



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Council For Voluntary Service

135 RYE LANE

Telephone 01-732-3731

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## NEWSLETTER

### INNER AREA PROGRAMME

### THE I.A.P. & OPEN FORUM

### THE OPEN FORUM

#### INNER AREA PROGRAMME: last minute Consultation again.

As long ago as March SCVS and SCCR wrote jointly to the Council and pressed very strongly that the Programme be advertised as early as possible to allow time for community groups to think about and put together good applications for programme money.

With the amount of money for 'social' projects (advice centres, play, womens projects) now much less according to the programme criteria, it is very important that community groups and voluntary organisations pick up the 'economic' and 'environmental' Programme money.

This widespread publicity simply has not happened and it is now July. The following consultation meetings have been planned at the time of writing but they have been at very short notice.

They are: A general meeting 25th June 7.30 St Albans Hall.

Consultation on Environmental/Housing Projects 2nd July 7.30pm

Town Hall, Consultation on Social Priorities and projects 8th July 7.30, Town Hall.

Consultation on economic priorities and projects 9th July 7.30 Town Hall.

Continued....

The IAP & the Open Forum May 19th  
We discussed Inner Area Programme  
at the Open Forum and the lack of further communication from the council.

The forum decided to write to Anne Matthews making these following points:

- a) That consultation needs to take place as a matter of great urgency.
- b) That we need clarification about the relationship between the Task Force and IAP.
- c) Asking that all IAP money be available to the voluntary sector, as old Urban Aid was after 1983. With the squeeze on council finances there is a real fear that the council will use the money for its own projects. This leaves the community sector with no sense that it is worth thinking positively about how to use the economic and environmental money.

#### Do go to the meeting:

We shall be holding a day workshop on Inner Area Programme as requested by the Open Forum to help organisations be well prepared for the 88/89 Programme in the early Autumn.

Continued

The Open Forum for Voluntary  
organisations- Tuesday 19th May:  
What we talked about:

#### Social Services funded groups:

The most urgent item for discussion was the review process being carried out at the moment with many Social Services groups. With Social Services committee looking for a further £1.19m to cut from their budget, those groups feel particularly vulnerable.

The Social Services funded groups agreed to meet again and the fight continues/ see report on another section of the Newsletter.

#### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR:

At the Open Forum meeting the Borough Principal Grants Officer explained that new conditions of Grant Aid are being drafted and will go to voluntary organisations for comment. We will call a meeting to discuss them if necessary once they have been circulated.

In the meantime SCVS was asked to comment on a draft of a section relating to the role of the Monitoring Officer. We sent in comments based on previous meetings we have had about the conditions and more recently on the code of partnership.



## INNER AREA PROGRAMME

Continued from  
front page

Even though it is such short notice please try to go. These meetings are not supposed to be just for those groups that might apply for Programme money but to talk about the Programme that the Council will be submitting that is council objectives that they want to meet by using programme money. It would of course be useful to go if your group is thinking of applying or perhaps more importantly making sure that your organisation tells other groups which may not be on the usual voluntary sector mailing lists and networks so they can have a chance to join in the discussion.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### REVIEW OF L.B. SOUTHWARK SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDED ORGANISATIONS:

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OR CUTS ?

Southwark's Social Services Committee recently identified some 20-odd grant-aided organisations for 'reviews'- 5 were singled out for interviews largely on the premise that members were dissatisfied with the organisation's equal opportunities practices. Other reasons given (informally) was the need to investigate 'value for money' 'duplication of services' and to gather greater information about the organisation's activities.

A meeting was called of these groups and organisation's and especially the 5 being interviewed in order to discuss their concerns and grievances, of which there are many. The groups had not been given formal criteria or terms of reference for the review. This was particularly important in the cases of equal opportunities reviews, as LB Southwark Social Services do not hold anywhere near a satisfactory record on equal opportunities,

either in their own employment of staff, or on the funding of black groups or womens groups in this field. The groups present at the meeting stated that they would not be willing to support any organisation identified as lacking in their commitment to equal opportunities and were all open to having their own equal opportunities policies and practices scrutinised. However the criteria for such a review would have to be clearly drawn up, in consultation with the relevant voluntary sector, and especially black and womens groups offering relevant services.

Instead groups were told that members of the Social Services grants sub-committee, who would be responsible for these interviews, were to be selected immediately before the interviews.

With only minimal guidelines and the briefest information about each group, and without having studied any of the information sent in by the groups.

Groups were keenly aware that these reviews were taking place against a background of increasing pressure on the Social Services budget, Social Services Committee papers have reported that the committee was forced to make £2 million 'savings' in order to comply with the squeezes on the Council's overall budget, which has already resulted in a deterioration of services and a worsening of working conditions for Social Service employees. On top of this, the S.S. Committee is required to find another £1.19 worth of savings, within an even shorter space of time. Although members threw out an officers' report which identified the closure of projects and/or reduction of grant aid as a means of establishing such savings, it is only inevitable that groups fear this will again be considered when a crisis arises. They voiced their worries that these reviews were simply a cover for the Council to renege on its commitment to maintaining jobs and services in Southwark.

It was agreed that the 5 organisations involved would not cooperate with the interviews until the Grants Sub-Committee formalised its terms of reference and gave the groups written assu-

rances that these interviews were not part of the Committee's procedures to find savings. These organisations have since received a letter stating that the Grants Sub-Committee will be 'proceeding with its proposals to work through a programme of meetings with organisations and requiring organisations to supply the Sub-Committee with information on a 3-monthly basis.' However, the letter suggests that this will be done with a greater spirit of partnership, and will give more opportunity to groups to discuss all aspects of their work.

At a further meeting called of all Social Service-funded groups, representatives of the 5 groups and other participants welcomed the undertaking expressed in the letter of developing a closer relationship between the Sub-Committee and funded groups and of jointly identifying the way forward. It was proposed that a sub-committee be set up to look at ways in which the Council could in the most progressive and effective manner, monitor grant-aided organisations' equal opportunities policies and practices, and if necessary, carry out appropriate sanctions. It was also agreed that a working party be set up to link both the voluntary and statutory sectors in the campaign against cuts in jobs or services in Southwark. It was felt important that Councillors be lobbied to formally reaffirm their commitment to fighting for more more resources from central Government and against Government attacks on council services.

The next meeting of S.S.-funded organisations will be on Wed. 22nd. July at 2.00pm at Consortium, 150, Camberwell Road.



# PUBLICATIONS

## A GUIDE TO VOLUNTARY ACTION IN SOUTHWARK:

The above booklet is a guide which has been compiled by the Southwark Voluntary Workers Bureau to enable people to understand and become involved in ways of improving the quality of life in the Borough through voluntary action.

Surveys have indicated that a substantial proportion of the population in the Borough is now involved in voluntary work of a wide ranging nature.

What sort of people volunteer and why? Most volunteers are very ordinary citizens from both sexes, all kinds of backgrounds, and from all age groups. Some are persons temporarily out of employment, others university or school students, while others again are retired citizens who have ability and experience to offer.

These men and women offer their services usually from a mixture of motives. They wish to keep themselves usefully engaged and contribute to the general happiness and welfare of the community; they derive satisfaction from experiences from social and working contacts. Others wish to gain in understanding and may develop confidence in their own ability. They may learn new skills which are worthwhile and may lead the way to new working careers.

## The Voluntary Workers Bureau helps the community as a central focus for:

- Promoting the idea of voluntary work
- Creating opportunities for volunteering
- Co-ordinating and acting as a clearing house for groups needing volunteers
- Assessing, placing and supporting volunteers
- Disseminating information, and providing a meeting place for voluntary work organisers from both statutory and voluntary agencies.

## GUIDE TO MONEY OVER 60

A new guide to money for people aged 60 or more has been written by Paul Lewis, former director of Youth Aid and now a freelance journalist specialising in pensions. The guide covers social security benefits, and financial concessions and taxes for retired people.

**MONEY OVER 60, By Paul Lewis.**  
Price £1.95 is available from SAGA MAGAZINES, POBOX 65, Folkestone, Kent.

## PUBLICATION:

## DISABILITY RIGHTS - 'A GUIDE FOR THE ASIAN COMMUNITY'

ASRA, Asian's Sheltered Residential Accommodation has produced a guide for the Asian community on rights for disabled people. The guide is available in the following languages:-

**BENGALI: GUJERATI: HINDI: URDU: PUNJABI:**

Single copies are available from ASRA post free, but postage is charged on bulk orders.

When ordering, please state languages required and that you are seeking copies of Disability Rights 'A guide for the Asian Community'.

ASRA is based at:  
5 WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,  
LONDON SE1 7XW. Tel - 928 - 9379.

The handbook mentioned above is a contribution to this work.

A new issue has been published which will be useful to those seeking opportunities for voluntary work. Anyone who is interested in taking up voluntary work is cordially invited to contact **The Volunteer Bureau** at 135 Rye Lane, Peckham SE15 or by phone 732 - 5729 when s/he will be assured of a friendly and efficient response.

# JOBS

## ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE:

IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING STAFF.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR (36 HOURS PER WEEK:)

To manage and develop the centre and support existing activities, including the women's activity day

Relevant experience of working in a multi-racial inner city setting is essential.

Salary Scale 6: £10,908 inc L.W.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE CARETAKER/WARDEN (30 HOURS PER WEEK, Including

Unsocial Hours:

Salary £130 P.W.

## BOOK-KEEPER/TYPIST:

(20 HOURS PER WEEK.)

Salary: £97.00

Closing date for all posts is JULY 8th.

THE ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE STEERING COMMITTEE IS WORKING TOWARDS BEING AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

Please ring 403 - 7475 for more details.

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BUREAU

## **A GUIDE TO VOLUNTARY ACTION IN SOUTHWARK**



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## MORE INFORMATION

# NCVO NEW TECHNOLOGY

### NCVO NEW TECHNOLOGY GROUP ELECTRONIC MAIL

NCVO's New Technology Group (which provides information and advice to voluntary organisations on all aspects of computerisation) is keen to assess demand among NCVO member organisations, NTG members and others for an electronic mail network, using **Telecom Gold**.

The service operates from Telecom Gold's computer centre, where each user has a private mailbox or workspace, accessed by telephone and protected by a password. You can access your own workspace 24-hours a day to remove messages which will be displayed on your computer terminal and, if required, printed out; you can send messages to other subscribers and they can send messages to other subscribers and they can send messages left in your workspace remain there until you collect them, using your computer.

If you wish to send electronic mail regularly to a number of users, address lists up to 500 names can be accessed without entering the individual address separately. You can also use electronic mail to send and receive telex messages and to access some selected databases (although the range will not be relevant to all voluntary agencies) Depending on the level of interest shown, NCVO might act in setting up a corporate subscriber facility with groups gains.

**Telecom Gold initial charge** for mailbox is **£40** (although a corporate subscription would delete this for individual users) Telephone call charges for the time you are connected to Telecom Gold either to leave or collect messages are **11p per minute** from **08.00-19.00, Monday to Friday** and **3 5p per minute** outside of these times. Transmission is fast and a screen full of information can be sent in about **30 seconds**. If you are outside London, connection to Telecom Gold is via the **Packet Switch-stream Network** and costs **2.5p per**

above. You only pay for the use you make of your mailbox; if you do not use it, there is no additional charge. (There is a storage charge for mailing lists of **20p per 2,048 characters, per month**.)

Contact: Joan Patterson NCVO,  
26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B  
3HU. Tel No:- 636-4066.

### WATERLOO COMMUNITY COUNSELLING

#### How counselling helps

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Let go of fears, tensions and anxiety

Learn to find fresh approaches  
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Now is the time to act

Goals:- explore, and work towards and achieve your goals

This is what counselling is about and we can help you make choices, changes and overcome confusions.

There are no magical answers, it isn't easy but it can be fun.

#### WHO CAN COME

We welcome anyone who lives, work or studies in SE1 and SE11 regardless of age, race, religion or sexual orientation.

#### HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Phone 928 - 5921 between 10am and 3pm on a Thursday and ask to speak to a Counsellor

#### OR WRITE TO:

Waterloo Community Counselling Project

BARLEY MOW CLINIC  
FRAZIER STREET, LONDON SE1

#### OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday 7 - 9pm  
Thursday 10am - 3pm

#### YOUR FIRST VISIT:

When you come for your first appointment you will be able to talk in private with a counsellor about what you need and how we can help you, usually for an hour. Most people arrange to see the same counsellor regularly, every week or two over a period of time.

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# INFORMATION

## A SERVICE FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS:

Colin Rochester

In May Colin left Cambridge House of which he has been Head since 1978. This is one of the largest, perhaps the largest voluntary organisation within Southwark.

Colin in addition to Voluntary sector has also training and adult education and research experience.

Colin is now using this background to provide a service for voluntary organisations in a freelance capacity.

Colin says " In my experience a large percentage of voluntary organisations simply do not have within their staff and management committees the time and, sometimes, the skills and experience needed to deal with some of the crucial issues and necessary tasks that confront them all from time to time. They may welcome help with: **Choosing the right legal form or organisation, drafting a constitution, and registration as a charity- setting goals- monitoring and evaluation -organisation and structure- developing an effective management committee- project development- funding strategies** "

For more details phone 670-0640 Colin will remain chair of SCVS's Voluntary Workers Bureau, where his services are much appreciated by the volunteer organiser Amy Wallis.

## LEWISHAM & NORTH SOUTHWARK HEALTH AUTHORITY:

### JOINT FINANCE APPLICATION 1988/89

If you are considering applying for joint funding for 1988/89 or would just like to know more about it, please come to a meeting on Thursday 9th July 1987 at 2.30pm in the Meeting Room, Mary Sheridan House, St. Thomas' St, London SE1.

The meeting will discuss the criteria for applying for joint finance and also the timetable that needs to be followed.

For further information contact: Lal Heaton on 378-7431 ext 3613. Priority Care Unit.

## MIDLAND BANK SUPPORT:

The Midland Bank is offering various forms of support to voluntary projects in 1987. Its special interest is in young people, unemployment and inner cities, but this year it has increased its community projects for funding. It also offers staff on secondment to voluntary groups, offers a further pound for every pound donated by staff to voluntary groups and pays expenses to staff who give their free time to voluntary work. Initial enquiries to the manager of a local branch of Midland Bank

## ATTENTION\* ATTENTION\* ATTENTION\*

In two weeks time, the Voice will be devoting spaces on its news pages to events going on in local black communities around Britain.

This new feature has come about because of the numerous demands we have had to mention local events. So in addition to the regular listings section in the paper, you will now be able to get a free mention regarding your local group, and any events you intend to hold.

Entries must reach the paper on the Monday TWO full weeks before the event takes place, to make sure it is publicised.

Please address your listings to: Lesley Gordon, News Desk, The Voice Newspaper, 94 BOW ROAD, LONDON E3 3AA.

## BROWNING FESTIVAL

The third Browning Festival will be held on Sunday 5th July noon till nine o'clock at Nursery Row Open Space (East Street & Orb St) London SE17).

BANDS \* KIDS FAIR \* ACTS \* FIREWORK FINALE \* BEER TENT \* WOULD YOU LIKE A STALL AT THE BROWNING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY JULY 5 Telephone 701-9323 £5 per site and £5 per stall all site money raised for local charities.

## BLACK ELDERLY & MINORITY ADVISER:

I am employed by Social Services to represent all the black elderly and other minority groups eg. Vietnamese, Turkish and Asian elderly.

It is for me to locate all these groups, see what they do find out what their needs are and then provide reports to the department on how it is meeting the needs of the ethnic elders.

With this report the service will be improved and new developments introduced eg. in the services of the mentally and physically handicapped. I will therefore be liaising with all ethnic groups organisations and the local Health Authority in my effort to provide a much needed service.

Lineve Moore

BLACK ELDERLY & MINORITY ADVISER  
SOUTHWARK SOCIAL SERVICES  
CASTLE HOUSE,  
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE,  
LONDON SE1.

Tel: 703 - 6363.

## CIVIC TRUST:

The Civic Trust are preparing a report on urban wasteland for the Civic Trust, a national environmental group. The aim is to explore why land stays vacant and to suggest what can be done about it. The Trust wants to bring in the experience and knowledge of those who have to live with wasteland, who know where it is and have ideas about what can be done with it.

The survey asks both for general information on wasteland in your area and also for information on a specific wasteland site.

For more information and a copy of the survey, contact;

STEPHEN JOSEPH  
WASTELAND PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR  
17 CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,  
LONDON SW1Y 5AW

Tel: 930 - 0914



# INFORMATION CONTI....

## MINI BUSES FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

Help The Aged can give significant financial help towards the purchase of mini buses.

They do expect the group to have done some fundraising themselves.

Further information:

**Help The Aged, St James Walk,**  
London EC1 OBE.

Tel: 253 - 0253

Help The Aged also fundraises so it can help in some other aspects of work with older people notably Housing Projects, Hospice and Home alarm schemes.

## NUNHEAD FORUM :

Our Annual NUNHEAD FESTIVAL FAYRE

On Saturday July 17 on Nunhead Green, 2pm local organisation may apply for space for fundraising. Contact **Roger Smith or Audrey Jerden-Cooke** on 639 - 3248 A.S.A.P.

A Special 'Celebration Service' at St Antony's Church, Nunhead Lane, SE15 at 6.30pm on **Sunday July 5th.**

The service is designed to celebrate-give thanks for the many varied forms of local service within our Nunhead Community. Displays etc also.

## MOTOR INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTARY & CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

A special discount has been arranged for members of registered Voluntary and Charitable Organisations.

## FREE ASSISTANCE TO RECOVER UNINSURED LOSSES

Such as your policy excess and any car hire charges. Where legal advice or assistance is required, cover is provided up to **£25,000** and includes personal injury claims.

## REPLACEMENT BY NEW CARE

If your car is covered against comprehensive risks and damaged within the first year of registration by more than 5% of its original purchase price the car

**ATTENTION\* ATTENTION\* ATTENTION\***  
WOMEN EVER THOUGHT OF LEARNING  
CARPENTRY AND JOINERY ?

Southwark Women's Training  
Workshop. **OPEN AFTERNOON**

Wednesday 8th July / 2pm - 4pm

**Come and look around Tea & Coffee**

**Children Welcome - CRECHE**

**Women Only**

**\* SIGNING FOR DEAF PEOPLE \***

Lift available, though not wheelchair Accessible

For information Ring **261 - 0575/6**

## SOUTHWARK VOLUNTARY CAR-DRIVERS POOL.

Is a new group whose aim is to provide transport for elderly and physically handicapped people to enable them to attend hairdressers, visit friends, go shopping and take place in the community.

It would include people not eligible for Statutory Transport, the Black Taxi and Dial-a-Ride schemes.

The scheme will be relying on volunteer car drivers who will give thier time free but will be reimbursed the cost of thier petrol by the person making the trip.

If you have a car, a time to give please call the volunteer co-ordinator on **635 - 9672.** Further details will be sent to you.

will be replaced (subject to availability thereof).

## PAYMENTS BY INSTALMENTS

Spread the cost over **10 months** by payment through **Direct Debit** facilities (Full details supplied on request).

For further details contact:-  
**Boncaster Limited, 54 High Street**  
**Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4AN. Tel**  
**No:- (0277) 262626.**



## SOUTHWARK SOCIAL SERVICES

### Residential and Special Day Care

You will no doubt remember the very successful Under Fives Carnival last year, which was organised by Southwark Nurseries Anti-Racist Support Group.

We expect this to be an annual event and the date set for this year's Carnival is **Wednesday 15th July.**

You may have already been contacted by the group and invited to planning meetings or to let them know if you require a stall for the day, but in case you have not, please contact:

**Annette Douglas, Officer-In-Charge, Lympstone Day Nursery, Lympstone Gardens, Peckham Park Road, London SE15. Tel 639 - 4568**

Who is co-ordinating the organisation of the Carnival.

## CAMELIA BOTNA FOUNDATION:

This charitable trust offers severely deprived young people between 15-21 a commercial wage while they learn practical (and if necessary social) skills to improve their future employment prospects. The skills are mainly agricultural, domestic and catering and general building and maintenance. The young people stay at the Foundation in Sussex of their own free will for up to 2 years or more. This large country estate has a wide variety of leisure activities (indoor swimming pool, gym, snooker etc) and offers a large, caring family atmosphere.

Further details available from:  
**Mr or Mrs Trigwell,**  
**Camelia Botnar Foundation,**  
**Maplehurst Road, Cowfold, West**  
**Sussex. Telephone COWFOLD 556**



Southwark

Council For Voluntary Service

135 RYE LANE

Telephone 01-732-3731

## AUGUST ISSUE 1987 NEWSLETTER

### VOLUNTARY SECTOR

At the Open forum held on May 19th at the North Peckham Civic centre, organisations asked SCVS to write to the Leader of the Council about the need for widespread consultation on the Inner Area Programme (IAP). We were also asked to stress that very wide publicity would be needed to draw attention to the 'economic' and 'environmental' money to those groups who may not be on the normal networks and mailing lists. We were also asked to enquire what the relationship between IAP and Task Force is in relation to eligibility for funding from both sources. lastly we were asked to request the Leader to allocate all the money to the voluntary sector as the Council used to do under the old Urban Aid.

The following is the reply we received.

**Dear Jenny**

**RE: INNER AREA PROGRAMME**

Thank you for your letter dated 4th June 1987.

You will by now have received notification of the series of meetings which have been arranged as part of the southwark's consultation process, for preparation of the next I.A.P. (1988/9).

Around 500 voluntary groups have been circulated about the meetings, fixed for 25th June and 2nd, 8th and 9th July, and it is hoped that representatives of the voluntary sector will use the opportunity to assist the council in formulating our Urban Programme Strategy.

The Strategy Statement is more than a paper exercise: it is intended to enable us to target resources most effectively and it will form the base against which all bids will be assessed. For this reason, in particular, there is a need for the voluntary sector to work with the Council in establishing a role for itself within the Programme.

Your letter sought clarification about the Task Force and its relationship to the Inner Area Programme. There is no link between the two funding sources; in the first place they are administered by different Government Departments. Secondly, the Council has lead role in putting together the Programme for Inner Area funding and therefore (subject to Ministerial Guidelines and Department of the Environment approval to individual schemes) the Council has direct control over the Programme in terms of the content and implementation. This is not so in the case of the Task Force where the Council itself has been frustrated in its efforts to help community schemes obtain funding.

The Council is keen for community groups to utilise available resources and in this context may advise some projects to seek Task Force funding, either as a supplementary source or maybe as the most appropriate available source of funds. Any groups which are unclear about the funding source are advised to contact either Ruth Geall or Ann Lander in the Town Clerk's Department

(Tel: 703 6311 ext. 2215 & 2011).

Lastly, you asked in your letter for the Council to allocate all its Urban programme allocation to the voluntary

APPLY

NOW

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR  
INNER AREA PROGRAMME MONEY.

REMEMBER that the criteria require the total Programme submitted by the Council to:-  
1) Divide into 35% environmental 35% economic and 30% social projects. It is vital that the voluntary sector puts together environmental and economic projects as well as 'social' projects. The voluntary sector is competing with the Council's own bids and we should not be losing out in this process.

2) be 70% capital 30% revenue.  
- If you know of a group who may not get this or other mailings which has a project which could be funded through the programme let them know about it.

- If any group wants help in thinking about a project, filling in the form SCVS Fieldworker staff can help. phone 732 3731 for an appointment so that we can set time aside to help you.

FOR MORE ON I.A.P. TURN  
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## Comment

We do not feel at SCVS that the consultation process was anything like adequate. Four meetings were set up late June early July with one weeks notice and held in the Town Hall - not accessible to everyone in the Borough. Publicity was not adequate about these meetings. Nor was the publicity about the availability of the programme been very widespread.

We feel we will now have to do much more work on this issue starting in the Autumn.

From SCUS

### LAST MINUTE NOTICE

SORRY WE ARE SO LATE TO GET THIS INFORMATION TO YOU.

#### ONE OFF REVENUE GRANTS UP TO £1,000.

are invited from community organisations total available £12,790. ONE OFF CAPITAL GRANTS. The money must be used for building works or for major pieces of equipment, normally more than £6,000. Activities to be funded must fall within the Terms of Reference of the community Affairs Committee.

Applications from black, womens and disability groups will be prioritised.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ALL APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST THIS DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

Application forms for grants can be obtained from Debbie or Pauline at this number 703 0911 Extention: 225.

## 1988/89 I.A.P.

### 1988/89 INNER AREA PROGRAMME - URBAN PROGRAMME FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY GROUPS IN SOUTHWARK.

Southwark Council invites local voluntary and community organisations to submit projects for consideration under the Government's Urban Programme 1988/89.

Projects to be considered under this Programme will be both statutory and voluntary schemes. In line with the department of environment's criteria there should be a strong emphasis on economic and environmental type schemes, i.e. projects aimed at meeting some of the economic/training and environmental/housing needs of the residents of the borough.

The programme is geared towards more capital rather than revenue expenditure schemes. Funded projects begin in April 1988, for the 1988/89 financial year.

Projects should be Southwark based and should benefit people and areas within the borough. (Projects which operate within the London Docklands Corporation area are not eligible to apply).

For further information and application form, please contact:

Jones Sarkodieh/Valencia Cumberbatch

L. B. Southwark  
TOWN HALL,  
GRANTS CO-ORDINATION UNIT  
ROOM 408, PECKHAM ROAD,  
LONDON SE5 8UB.

Tel: 703 6311 ext 2084/2051

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RETURN OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS IS FRIDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER 1987.

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sector. This is neither possible nor desirable for the number of reasons: the new Urban Programme encompasses a variety of agents and does not solely replace the Traditional Urban Programme. The role of the voluntary sector within the new Programme is an essential and complementary one to that of the Council, Health Authorities and Education Authority. It is not feasible to suggest that any of these agencies are able, singularly, to achieve the objectives of the Urban Programme. In this first year of the new Programme, the voluntary sector has the benefit of a significantly increased allocation: £363,500 for six new schemes compared to £150,000 for new schemes in 1986/7, the last year of T.U.P.

I am pleased to note that you feel there is potential for "economic" growth within the voluntary sector and I hope that, in particular, people will come along to the meeting arranged on 9th July to specifically discuss economic objectives within our strategy statement for 1988/9 - 1990/91. The Department of the Environment has made clear to us the fact that subsequent allocations are geared to performance and achievement (conversely, Programme Authorities which have failed to spend have received reduced allocations in the following year). I think there is scope for the voluntary sector to grow in new directions with the Urban Programme and the Council is committed to working towards this with it.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Anne Matthews  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**SOUTHWARK ADULT EDUCATION**

**SELF DEFENCE COURSE FOR WOMEN**

At Nunhead Centre, Whorlton Rd.  
SE15.

\* Creche available \* Every Monday  
10 - 12 for 10 weeks starting  
21st. SEPTEMBER 1987.  
More details at the above branch  
or phone 639 4547.

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YOUTH CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL HOUSING SERVICES (S.H.S.)

BLACK SOCIAL WORKER 17½ HOURS

JOB SHARE F.W.A. SALARY RANGE

£10,908 - £12,666 (pro rata)

INCLUSIVE OF LONDON WEIGHTING

Our new S.H.S. team of nine workers, has been set up to work with families at risk and young people leaving care resident in three houses (Bromley, Croydon and Southwark). Using a psychodynamic approach we work together to maintain a therapeutic environment within which counselling and groupwork are important components.

We have a place for an additional social worker to undertake part of the counselling and assessment work and the liaison with statutory agencies. We are currently taking a positive action to provide opportunities for black social workers as they are under represented in our team. The teams resources include students and volunteers and we require a commitment to training.

We would like to appoint a qualified social worker with relevant experience.

Regular supervision and team support is an integral part of our service.

For further information and an application form please contact:  
F.W.A. Special Housing Services  
129 Camberwell Road,  
London SE5 0HB.  
Tel: 703 5561

**CLOSING DATE 14th SEPTEMBER 1987.**

Youth Centre Co-ordinator required by the SILWOOD YOUTH CENTRE, BERMONSEY, SE16.

To manage and develop a full programme of activities in this newly completed building.

Experience of working in a similar setting in an inner city environment essential.

We welcome applicants from all sections of the community.  
Salary scale S01. £11,964-£12,666 (incl. L.W.)

36 Hours per week (Urban Aid Funded)

For further details and application form contact:

Debbie Reeves-Community Development Unit. 207, Havil Street, SE5 7SB. Tel: 703 0911 Ext.2153

**CLOSING DATE 10th SEPTEMBER 1987.**

BURGESS PARK:

I am sure you are aware that since the break-up of the GLC the responsibility for Burgess Park lies with Southwark Council.

A Council Committee, the Burgess Park Steering group, recently opted for a 'client' approach to the development of the Park.

In short, this means that the Council is concerned to ensure that leisure facilities are provided for all sections of the community and not simply for those groups traditionally served.

Later this year it is the council's intention to consult widely with the local community over the question of the Park's development. However, before then I would welcome any initial views your organisation might wish to put forward.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact: the Project Co-ordinator:

PAT KINGWELL on EXT 221.

186 Walworth Road, SE17 1JJ.  
703 3499.

THE HEN HOUSEWOMEN'S HOLIDAY AND STUDY CENTRE.

A new women's centre in a Georgian country house in the Lincolnshire Wolds, opens from Autumn 1987.

The house stands in its own 5-acre grounds surrounded by fields and woods, in an unspoilt area of 'outstanding natural beauty', six miles from the seaside.

Facilities at the HEN HOUSE.

\* Accommodation for about 25  
\* 3 lounge/meeting rooms, conservatory and dining room \* Disabled Access \* Cocktail Bar \* Childrens playroom and play garden \* Tennis Court and summer house.

The HEN HOUSE offers full or part board including vegetarian choices. The house is easy to get to by road from London, the Midlands, Yorkshire and the North, and is near a main-line rail station. Prices from £15 for dinner, bed and breakfast. Discounts for children and groups

MEETINGS AND COURSES

All facilities and full board in a relaxing environment. Weekends and weekdays between October and April. Hire the Hen House for your own event, or come for the special activity weekends offering tuition, skillsharing or entertainm: 8 ée ' . . . entertainment. Write to address below for the programme.

HOLIDAY & WEEKEND BREAKS

All year weekend breaks, summer holidays (May to September) or Christmas special house-party weeks. Lots to do in the house and grounds, good walks, bikes to explore the wolds and coast. Indoors there are books, music, videos, boardgames, pool table, the bar, log fires and good company.

For further information Phone:  
01 278 1341 (before May 1987)  
or (after May 87') write to FREE  
RANGE HOLIDAYS, HAWERBY HALL,  
HAWERBY CUM BEESBY, Nr GRIMSBY  
SOUTH HUMBERSIDE.



## SALES

### OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Goodwill Industries is a registered charity which is re-cycling office furniture and equipment and is based at a small factory in Wembley. It has been started to create jobs for the long term unemployed and disadvantaged people in the community. It will supply charities, community groups and voluntary organisations with re-cycled furniture and equipment.

Goodwill are already practiced at the collection of furniture from companies and can handle large quantities when they are available. We also like to hear from any company with smaller amounts of furniture available for collection.

We already have six people working at the factory and have supplied furniture and equipment to over 50 charities and voluntary groups in London and the South East of England.

With your help, we plan to expand the number of employees which will enable us to supply even more charities in the future.

Goodwill can respond quickly to collect your company's surplus furniture. Please contact Peter Barnet, the Managing Director Tel: 997 2023. He will be pleased to come and see you and make the arrangements for future collections or deliveries.

**For the Goodwill PRICE LIST**  
Contact the above number they are extremely reasonable.

Due to limited space I am unable to publicise the price list, but groups are welcome to come along to take a copy of it.

**Note from the Editor.**

*Eve  
at SCVS.*



### WE HAVE A VACANCY FOR A FIELDWORKER HERE AT S.C.V.S

A full time fieldwork post is now vacant with the departure of **Ai Meun Lim** to the London Borough of Greenwich. We are a team of 3 fieldworkers and 2 administrators and a General Secretary.

The person appointed will share in the full range of work of supporting and providing information to the voluntary sector. A special area of responsibility will include servicing, developing and contributing to black interest groups especially black womens groups.

#### THE WORK ALSO INCLUDES:-

- Convening and serving meetings of the voluntary sector on issues such as funding and enabling voluntary organisations to present their views in Open Forums and to outside bodies including the Council.
- Linking with London Wide campaigns to defend jobs and services in the statutory and voluntary sectors.
- Sharing in the work of linking with black community organisations campaigns in Southwark.
- The salary scale and conditions of service for the post (insofar as not otherwise stated) are those agreed by the NJC on scale 6 S01 + London Weighting.

Phone SCVS for application form - 732 - 3731.

**CLOSING DATE 14th SEPTEMBER 1987.**

*Can you Help?*

### BELLVIEW TENANTS SOCIAL CLUB

This Sheltered Housing Unit was officially opened by the Mayor and Mr. Jack Jones on July 2nd 87

The tenants here, all over 80 years old, have formed a social club, contributing 10p. per week, banking at the B.S. and we are trying to get some small donations from outside helpers to assist us in getting some activities going before the winter.

I have contacted the Social Services, but to no avail owing to their grant being cut. We would therefore appreciate it immensely if you would like to send us a small donation, or come and see our new homes. You would

be most welcome. We have two very nice wardens, and we all try to make life worth living. We have a piano, given to us by one of the tenants, but we have to have it tuned, and then we have to try and find a volunteer to tune it one night a week. We cannot do this on our own, and that is why we ask you to help us if you can.

Please answer this letter as it will make us feel part of the world again and may god bless you

**Mrs A.A. Thirkell (86 Years old)**  
BELLVIEW TENANTS CLUB,  
JACK JONES HOUSE,  
Flat 22, 12 REEDHAM STREET,  
PECKHAM SE15.



### HOLIDAY PROJECTS - GRANT AID

Are you a Southwark based community group, tenants association or youth group? If so, and you are thinking of running a holiday project/playscheme for children/young people during the Autumn Half-term (October 1987), then you can apply for a grant towards the cost of running your scheme from the Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee.

Application forms and guidelines on how to apply, including the types of projects that are eligible, are available from Valencia Cumberbatch/Shirley Locke - Room 408, Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB. Tel. 703-6311 ext. 2084/2041.

**CLOSING DATE:- 14 September 1987.**

## CHILDCARE

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#### WANTED - VOLUNTEERS FOR AFTER SCHOOL SCHEME

From September, Spectrum Womens Group will be providing an After School service on the Aylesbury Estate, SE17 for 5-12 year olds.

They need volunteers to help with collecting children from school and organising activities, refreshments etc. Expenses will be paid.

If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to help please contact:- Sue Lomas - 703-6440(d) 708-5124(e).

### PARENT LINK

is a new way for parents to get together regularly and help each other find the answers to the challenges of everyday family life.

**WE NEED PARENTS TO TRAIN AS GROUP LEADERS TO EXPAND THIS CHALLENGING AND REWARDING NEW AREA OF SELF HELP ACTIVITY.**

Please contact:- The Parent Network, 44 Caversham Rd, NW5 2DS Tel no:- 485-8535 and ask for Wendy Rose-Neil or Ivan Sokolov.

### UNDER 5'S FORUM

#### MEETING OF 23RD JULY 1987

Following discussions amongst the Fieldwork staff at SCVS, and at the Forum meeting on 23rd July it was agreed that due to changing needs and priorities SCVS could better support voluntary under 5's organisations in a different way.

As my responsibilities as Fieldworker include under 5's group, and to be involved in planning the annual under 5's day The SCVS newsletter will have a section on childcare and SCVS will convene open meetings as necessary to discuss specific issues and organise campaigns, lobbies etc.

The Under 5's Forum will therefore not be re-convened in the same form and there will be no more mailings of the Under 5's Forum Newsletter.

If there is something you are concerned about which may have borough-wide implications, or if you would like any articles, views, information etc included in SCVS newsletter, please contact me - Liz Dunn - SCVS, on 732 3731.

### BRIXTON COLLEGE

#### WOMEN ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR NOT WORKING ? DO YOU WANT TO TRAIN OR RETRAIN IN NEW TECHNOLOGY ?

**THEN JOIN THE WOMEN INTO NEW TECHNOLOGY**

- \* No formal entry qualifications
- \* Training allowance of £41.50
- \* Practical experience in the work place

\* Course open to any woman wishing to retrain after a period of unemployment

**WHO SAYS WOMEN CAN'T !**

**NOW RECRUITING FOR SEPTEMBER 87'**

Contact: Pam Ware

**BRIXTON COLLEGE**

**MILLBROOK ROAD,**

**LONDON SW9 7JD.**

TEL: 733 5833

If you are interested, please call into Brixton College, Millbrook Road, (off Barrington Rd) London SW9.

at 11 - 3pm

on Tuesday 8th September or telephone Pam Ware.

## Publication

### PARENTS' HANDBOOK

Have you ever come across certain interesting organisations or products whilst browsing through magazines that you wish you had known about earlier? This reference guide attempts to solve the problem by listing numerous nationwide self-help groups, organisations and companies that can offer guidance and support, information and advice, services and mail order products specifically with parents, babies and children in mind.

Divided into sections, the Handbook covers pre-conceptual care, pregnancy, childbirth, post natal support, feeding, nappy changing, original baby products, nursery equipment, toys, safety, children's wear, education, health care, specialist help, single parent families, adoption and foster care, activities and hobbies, special events, further education for adults, working mothers, pets and animals, house and home and action groups.

Not intended as a childcare guide, the **PARENTS' HANDBOOK** has been compiled by a parent for all other parents to keep handy for continual reference purposes; a useful booklet to refer to time and time again!

**Contact:- PARENTS' HANDBOOK, 24 Park View, Royston, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S71 4AA.**

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDED GROUPS

Only two organisations turned up for the final meeting on 5th August and we are not proposing to call any more meetings at the moment. The Equal Opportunities Working Party remains an important piece of work. Hopefully there can be a report back on this at the Open Forum on 25th September.

Only 2 of the 5 groups called for interview have been interviewed so far. Hopefully these groups will be able to report back on 25th September.



# ● Training & Courses ●

## TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY:

The UMOJA THEATRE COMPANY are offering a unique training opportunity for the unemployed in theatre lighting, sound, set carpentry and stage management.

UMOJA Theatre Company is offering a six weeks intensive course designed to encourage recruitment into the theatre field, improve employment prospects, build skills and self confidence.

Course applicants are now being accepted from people of African, Caribbean and Asian origin.

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OR TRAINING REQUIRED

**COURSE SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 87'**

Write to UMOJA Theatre Company  
St. Micheal's Vicarage Annexe  
Thompson's Avenue  
Camberwell London SE5.

For Application form.

## W.A.C.A.T. (PRODUCTION).

"EAST STREET" is the West Side Story of Southwark. "EAST STREET!" is a play with music about the lives of a group of girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 16 growing up on an estate in South London. "EAST STREET!" is a multi-racial and multi-dimensional, full of dancing and singing, young people giving us life on their own terms.

"EAST STREET!" will be performed at WACAT on 27, 28 and 29 August 1987. It will be the culmination of a summer scheme organised by WACAT.

See the show at the:  
WACAT ACTIVITIES CENTRE,  
1a WENDOVER, THURLOW STREET,  
LONDON SE17 2UB.

For further information contact:  
JAMAL ALI 703 - 0415 or 701 7413.

## CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES (CE)

### WHAT IS IT?

- A training programme for people who are developing or managing Community Enterprises or Projects  
- A practical as well as academic course that will lead to the Business & Technical Education Council (BTEC) Certificate in Management Studies.

- The Course consists of seven separate weeks of training spread over a one year period.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

- Managers, Supervisors or Directors of Community Enterprises or Projects. Development workers with responsibilities for Community or employment projects.

### CONSISTING OF:

- CMS (CE) is student-centred but will cover:-
- Setting clear objectives and planning.
- Marketing/feasibility studies.
- Obtaining and developing re-sources (Finance, staff, etc).
- Staff development - interviewing/counselling.
- Conflict, negotiations and trade union relationships.
- Many other topics relevant to the on-going management of a project.

### COST:

- The fees will be approximately £120 and BTEC registration is £30  
**THE COURSE STARTS - 5TH NOV' 1987**

For further information contact:

Heather Brooks, Management Dept,  
South West London College,  
Abbotswood Road,  
London, SW16 1AN.

Tel No:- 677-8141.

## COMMUNITY TRAINING PROJECT

Remember the Community Development Forum accepted a proposal to set up a Training Consortium in the Borough to develop the work already being carried out of putting on courses for community groups. The Steering Committee has been meeting for the past 3 months and is calling the proposed project The Community Training Project.

## SOUTH LONDON TRAINING RESOURCE CENTRE.

The Training Resource Centre (TRC) has been established with the support of local councils and the ILEA to help small organisations in Lambeth, Southwark, and Wandsworth find the right training for their staff.

The TRC has established a computerized database of local training provision and available open learning/independent study materials. Its team of three training advisers have a primarily outreach role, visiting organisations to discuss their training needs and pointing them towards appropriate provision.

The TRC in addition will make available open learning training materials and offer a newsletter and briefing service on employment and training issues. It will also advise organisations how to obtain grant support for training carried out.

The TRC is not profit making and most of its services are offered without charge. It does make a charge for open learning materials and the newsletter to cover costs.

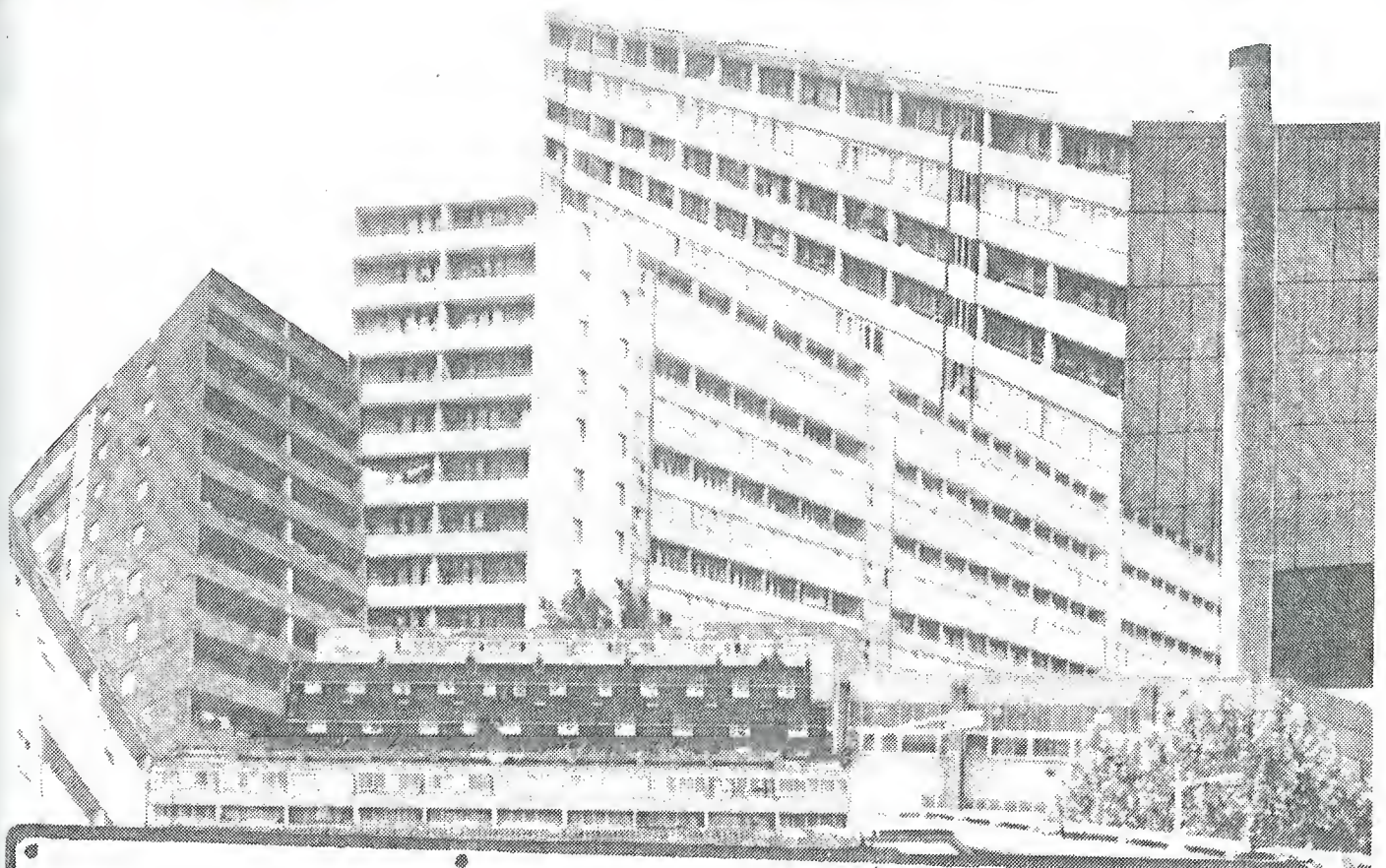
Any voluntary/community organisation wishing to find out more about the TRC's activities or wishing to discuss training needs or seeking information about particular courses can reach the Centre on 350 0759 from September 14th or Write to:

South London Training Resource Centre,  
Manor House,  
58 Clapham Common North Side,  
London SW4 9RZ.



We are applying for Inner Area Programme money. If your organisation would like to send a representative to the Steering group phone Veronica Ward at SCVS. The next meeting is on 16th Sept. at 6.30pm at SCVS Office.





# EAST STREET

S.E.17.

WACAT EAST STREET YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

## EAST STREET — THE MUSICAL!

Thursday 27 August  
Friday 28 August  
Saturday 29 August

Tickets: £1.00 waged  
50p unwaged  
25p under 12

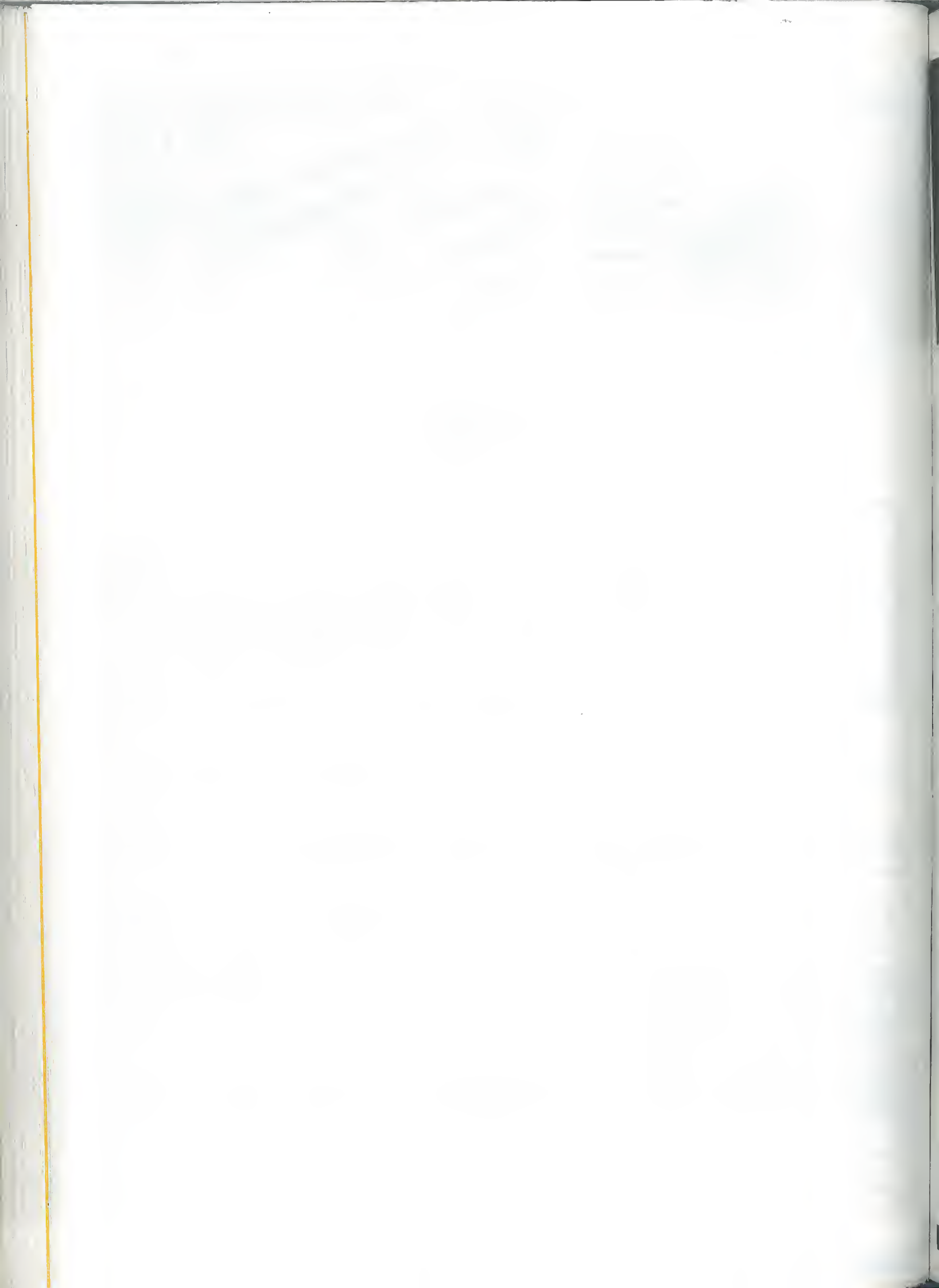
Show starts at 7.15 pm at:

WACAT Activities Centre, 1A Wendover (entrance on 2nd level),  
Thurlow Street, London SE17. Further info: 701 7413/703 0415.

*Financially assisted by GLA, Southwark Arts, Marks & Spencers,  
Lloyds Bank, ILEA.*

WALWORTH AND AYLESBURY COMMUNITY ARTS TRUST







Southwark

Council For Voluntary Service

135 RYE LANE

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SEPTEMBER 1987

NEWSLETTER

## WHERE ARE WE NOW ?

Whatever happened to the Community Affairs Committee This is a question which we have heard several times recently at SCVS. Factually it doesn't seem to have had less meetings than other committees, although the september one has not occurred - according to the Town Hall because there wasn't enough business.

Perhaps the question arises because there is a gap in the Council meeting the collective needs of the community organisations. Some of this is directly due to financial restraints imposed by the Government. Anyone can see that it is no longer possible for the Council to make their decreased income go round the ever increasing needs of the people of Southwark.

- What is happening to the voluntary sector salary review? £50,000 was reserved in this years budget for re-grading as a result of struggles on our behalf by some Councillors and Town Hall staff. No arrangements seem to be being made for the bulk of this money to be spent. Just as no arrangements have been made in any year except one, since the 1982 promise of a general review, and the accompanying freezing of individual regradings in the voluntary sector.

- The council's current conditions of grant aid which muddle monitoring and management, were due to be reviewed by last April.

On phoning the council we have just learnt that a consultation period is about to start and a new draft to be issued, with a consultation period between now and November.

- A code for partnership was passed by SCVS AGM iast November and submitted to the council - but apart from an initial acknowledgement we have not heard any more.

- A voluntary sector meeting with Anne Matthews and Anna Whyatt raised problems about the lack of knowledge of the voluntary sector by some monitoring officers.

Anna Whyatt proposed that the voluntary sector should be involved in providing training for monitoring officers. Pat Oakley of Southwark Black Workers Group and Jenny Stiles of SCVS attended the first meeting but since it was very clear that involvement from outside the Town Hall was not welcome in future meetings.

The voluntary sector has requested an appeals system against advice/acts of the monitoring officers. This need not necessarily be antagonistic to the monitoring officer but a system of people having power (or seeming to groups to have power) without any form of appeal is obviously dangerous.

A vital area where voluntary sector thinking needs to be linked to the council's is the development of equal opportunity employment and service delivery practices. Many community organisations are committed and working hard on this area.

It is important that real dialogue takes place on means of monitoring progress and also that the council services benefits from the criticisms of this increasing strong autonomous black women's community projects,

An example of an area where there has been excellent co-operation between council and voluntary sector is in the development over the last two years of training provision for community groups. This is an excellent means of empowering members of the community and workers so that they enabled to become more effective. Unfortunately the council worker mainly involved has left and there is a fear her post will be caught in a recruitment freeze.

Clearly SCVS and the voluntary sector shares responsibility for not pressing harder on these issues. The problem for us as for Councillors and officers is the rising number of financial and other crisis which absorb attention. These pressures (which are likely to increase rather than decrease) however make it even more vital that we have effective fast mechanisms for voluntary and statutory relations. Partnership between voluntary and statutory sector becomes even more pressing in view of increasing external threats to democracy and the quality of life in the borough. The Community Affairs Committee as well as the Race and Womens' Committee has a vital role to play in this.



# UNITED NATIONS

## UNITED NATIONS WEEK IN SOUTHWARK



17th - 25th

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**SATURDAY 17th October 10.15 for 10.30 a.m.**  
**THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG** over the Town Hall, Peckham Road, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Dorothy Winters preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony in the Council Chamber conducted by the Imam Khawaja Mustaneer Ahmed, the Ven. Douglas Bartles-Smith, the Revd. John Davies, Mr Madan Kalia, Brother Sam King, Miss Joan Rich, The Very Revd. Canon George Telford, and the Revd. Thich Tri-Canh. Mr David Wardrop, Chairman of London United Nations Association, will speak briefly on the work on the United Nations and answer questions. The Calvary Church of God Youth Choir will sing.

**SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 10 a.m.**

**PARISH MASS WITH THE THEME OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.** The Congregation will be pleased to welcome visitors, especially from overseas, and for coffee afterwards. ST GILES CHURCH, CAMBERWELL CHURCH STREET.

**11 a.m.**

**ONE WORLD WEEK SERVICE.** "Who gets the credit?" WALWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, CLUBLAND, CAMBERWELL CHURCH.

**MONDAY 19th. OCTOBER (Noon)**

**AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.**  
 ST. PETER'S MONASTRY, 522 LORDSHIP LANE

**TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER (Noon)**

**AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.**  
 ST. PETER'S MONASTRY, 522 LORDSHIP LANE

**8 p.m.**

**"PROFITS OUT OF POVERTY":** films, quiz, information, refreshments. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, HERNE HILL (Arranged by the Herne Hill Christian Council).

**WEDNESDAY 21st. OCTOBER (Noon)**

**AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.**  
 ST. PETER'S MONASTRY, 522 LORDSHIP LANE

**7.30 p.m.**

**MASS FOR WORLD PEACE.** ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LARCOM STREET.

**THURSDAY 22nd. OCTOBER 7.30p.m.**

**"MOZAMBIQUE":** Speaker. DULWICH BATHS RECEPTION HALL: entrance from Crystal Palace Road (Arranged by Southwark/Dulwich Branch of U.N.A.).

**8.p.m.**

**"FOURTH WORLD - ONE WORLD":** exhibition, and discussion on human rights and the poor, refreshments. 48 ADDINGTON SQUARE, CAMBERWELL (Arranged by ATD Fourth World).

**FRIDAY 23rd. OCTOBER (Noon)**

**AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.**  
 ST. PETER'S MONASTRY, 522 LORDSHIP LANE.

**7.p.m.**

**CULTURAL EVENING:** speeches, drama, west African music. Afro-Caribbean food and other refreshments. Club of Mankind, 1A AMHURST ROAD, HACKNEY, E.8. contributions will be made to UNA Refugee Appeal. Tickets £2 from Tel: 710-2072 or 703-0777 or at the door (Arranged by Pan African Organisation and African People's Movement - South East London).

**7.30 p.m.**

**"WHO GETS THE CREDIT?":** Development Evening, refreshments. ST. HUGH'S CHURCH, CROSBY ROW. (Arranged by North Southwark Justice and Development group).

**7.30 p.m.**

**"WHO GETS THE CREDIT?":** Workshops, games, light refreshments. WALWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, CLUBLAND, CAMBERWELL ROAD, (Arranged by Clubland World Development Group).

**SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER**

**UNITED NATIONS DAY.**  
**THE 42nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.**

**FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF APPEAL**  
 Offers of help (even one or two hours), if over 16, to Mrs. V. George, 15 GILKES CRESCENT. (Tel 693-1500). Donations may also be sent to this address.

# ATIONS WEEK

OCTOBER 1987



## THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Photoposters illustrating some aspect of the work of the United Nations will be on display at: The Town Hall; Camberwell Church Street Library; 22 Lordship Lane; 8 Woodward's Road; Peckham Hill St. Library; Britannia Building Society, 298 Walworth Rd. Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane, Social Services Office, 29 Camberwell Road; and elsewhere in the Borough.

(Until November 12th). "BEYOND STRUCTURES; AN EXHIBITION OF THE WORK OF CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE ARTISTS. South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road. Tuesday - Saturday, 10-6pm. Sundays, 3 - 6 p.m.

ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

This week is also the week of Prayer for World Peace and One World Week.

For further information about the United Nations Association, please apply to the Hon. Secretary of the local Branch, Mrs V. George, 15 GILKES CRESCENT, S.E.21.



PLEASE HELP SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO PUBLICISE THIS PROGRAMME BY USING THESE PAGES AS A MINI-POSTER.

THANKYOU.

10 a.m. - Noon

ONE WORLD COFFEE MORNING. Books, cards, crafts goods on sale. proceeds to Amnesty International and CAFOD. 36 COURT LANE, DULWICH (Arranged by St. Thomas More Justice and Peace group).

6.30 - 10.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING. Music, dances, ethnic dishes. proceeds to UNA Refugee Appeal. COPLESTON CENTRE, COPLESTON ROAD. Tickets from the Revd. Ken Anderson (Tel 693-1904) or at the door: £1 (family £1.50 unwaged and children 50p.).

SUNDAY 25th. OCTOBER 11 a.m.

UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE at the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, EAST DULWICH GROVE. Conducted by the Revd. Anthony Beeko, assisted by the Revd. Canon Richard Lewis, and the Revd. Kenneth Cracknell, formerly of the British Council of Churches. To be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor and her consort, Members of the Borough Council and representatives of local organisations. Coffee after the service.

6.30 p.m.

UNITED SERVICE FOR ONE WORLD WEEK. Preacher: Elizabeth Hale, Christian Aid. Coffee afterwards. PECKHAM METHODIST CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD (Arranged by the Churches of North Peckham).

6.30 p.m.

UNITED SERVICE FOR ONE WORLD WEEK. Tea Afterwards. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWINGTON KENNINGTON PARK ROAD.



# INFORMATION

## BANK FUND GRANTS

Information sheets and application forms are now available for the 1987 NCVO National Westminster Bank Fund. The fund offers small grants to enable local voluntary organisations in England to be more effective in communicating and collaborating with each other-especially on new initiatives that will address key issues facing them collectively.

Grants may be sought by any voluntary organisation concerned with the development of a wide range of other local voluntary organisations.

Applications are invited for grants for equipment, communication products, training and consultancy and collaboration on key issues like community care and racism.

Priority will be given to under-resourced organisations and proposals which involve work with disadvantaged groups.

The closing date for applications is 19 October 1987.

Information and application forms from,  
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER  
BANK FUND, C/o NCVO,  
LVA Department,  
26 BEDFORD SQUARE,  
LONDON WC1B 3HU.

## SOUTHWARK UNDER FIVES STUDY DAY

"Partnership with parents"  
WARWICK PARK SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 17th 1987.

for more information  
and registration form

Pre-School Development  
Officer, L.B.S., Social Services, Room 226

Castle House, 2 Walworth Road SE1 6SS.

Or Contact LIZ DUNN at  
SCVS 732 - 3731.

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## THE CHEST HEART & STROKE ASSOCIATION.

Volunteers area representatives.

At the CHSA we are conducting a campaign on many fronts against the effects of the Chest, Heart and Stroke illness.

Throughout England we have an urgent need for more Volunteer Area Representatives who will give their time and energies in their local area promoting public awareness of the work of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association and striving to expand our activities where there is a need.

Expenses covering mileage/travel, telephone and other essentials will be paid. Full support and administrative back up is provided by Head Office and Regional Executives. Please help if you can. Details from the Appeal Director,  
Tavistock House North,  
Tavistock Square, London  
WC1H 9JE Tel 387 - 3012.

## ADVISORY SERVICE FOR DEAF - HEARING PEOPLE

Are you or a member of your family deaf, hard of hearing or partially deaf? Do you need information or advice? Then come to our Advisory Service which is run by people who are themselves deaf. We also have a working display of equipment for deaf/hard of hearing people.

### OPEN:

Mondays & Wednesdays  
2pm till 4pm.

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10am till 12 noon.

At other times by appointment

AT: Breakthrough Trust.  
London Centre, The Hall,  
Peyton Place, Greenwich,  
SE10 8RS

Telephone & Vistel

01 853 - 5661

## THE PARENT NETWORK

### We Are Supporting Parents

Parent-Link is a new way for parents to get together regularly and help each other with the ups and downs of everyday life.

### Helping Children Grow

We all want our children to grow up loving, confident, happy and secure. We can help by encouraging them to be co-operative and to feel good about themselves.

### Will You Join Us?

We need parents to train as group leaders to expand this challenging and rewarding new area of self help activity.

Telephone 01 485 - 8535  
and ask for Wendy Rose or  
Cherry Slevin.

44-46 Caversham Road,  
London NW5 2DS,

Thanks

# INFORMATION

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS:

SCVS WISHES TO THANK ALL THE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SENT IN LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO US.

We have not secured our positions yet but we are sure that this problem will soon be resolved in the immanent future, we all must stand together firm in our aim not to take cuts in any form in the voluntary sector. We hope that you will continue the support of SCVS Administrators.

## EAST END ENTERPRISE

A brand new training venture at the centre for business studies, Queen Mary College begins on October 12th. For the first time, the business centre will train local unemployed under 25's, who want to set up their own businesses.

The centre is on the edge of Docklands where there are great opportunities for small mobile services such as food delivery, newsagents, hairdressers, cleaning and florists.

The course is run by Professor Cyril Levicki, an East Ender whose first experience of business began with a London market stall. He intends to give practical advice to local young people with good ideas.

The course is part-time and Free. Interviews are going on at the end of September Queen Mary College

University of London  
Mile End Road, London E1.  
4NS Tel: 980 - 4811

## TRAINING WORKSHOPS:

Please note in the Training Workshops Programme a Day workshop as an introduction to Equal Opportunities.

This is to find out from groups and organisation what their own particular training needs are on equal opportunities and to outline what equal opportunities means.

### The programme will cover:-

- What is equal opportunities practice?
- How do we go about constructing and adopting a policy.
- Why does our organisation need one?
- What future training will we need in this area.

**PLEASE NOTE-** The workshop is not at Bermondsey Village Hall but at St. Johns, Meeting House, Lane, (off Queens Rd.)SE15

## EDUCATION CONSULTATION:

SCVS has received a copy of the Department of Education's consultation, which anyone who wishes can read here. Or you could request your own copy from Mr P. Cohen, Department of Education and Science, Room 3/54, Elizabeth House York Road, SE1 7PH.

You have to be ultra quick comments have to be in by 16th October 1987. There have been a number of protests about the short notice.

## DRUG MISUSE

A Programme of prevention

### Autumn 1987.

3 Day in-service course for staff in statutory and non-statutory organisations.

**November 12th, 19th, 26th at 9.30am - 4.30pm.**

At SYDENHAM GREEN HEALTH CENTRE, HOLM? SHAW CLOSE, SYDENHAM, LONDON SE26.

The format of the course will provide for a variety of learning experiences. The course is carefully structured to cater for the needs of participants from a variety of disciplines, and is open to people working in both statutory and non-statutory groups.

Course leaders from the Health Education Drug Support Group will be supported by guests from:  
**The National Poisons Unit**  
**The Department of Child Psychiatry - Guy's**

### Phoenix House Rehabilitation Unit

Contact: Brenda Reid (Mrs)  
Co-ordinator of the Drug Support Group, Health Education Service, South Wing, Nurses Home, Lewisham Street, London SE13 6LH.

**Tel: 690-4311 Ext 6290.**

## CHILDRENS SCRAP PROJECT:

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years A.G.M. of the London Scrap Project Ltd. will be held at the Children's Scrap Project on Thursday, 22nd October 87' at 7.30pm. All members of the Scrap project are invited to attend and take part in this meeting. Proposal forms for election to the Management Committee are available from the project.

**Ring: 985-6290**



**JOB JOB JOB**

**BERMONDSEY WOMEN'S  
CENTRE CAMPAIGN**

Seeks a:  
**DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

To develop the aims of the campaign and future centre, which is presently being designed. Skills Needed are  
1. The ability to relate and respond effectively to women's issues.

2. To liaise with similar organisations and encourage support for the campaign.

3. Basic office skills.  
**Salary Scale 6 SP26  
£11,362 (inc LW).**

Full time post, 36 Hours.  
This post is funded until:  
31-3-88

Applications are particularly welcome from women, black and other ethnic minorities, Job sharers may apply.

For application form please ring : 231 - 0916 or write to Bermondsey Women's Centre Campaign c/o  
**190 SOUTHWARK PARK RD  
LONDON SE16 3RP.**

Closing Date Monday 12th October..

**DARE TO BE DIFFERENT  
SKILLS FOR PLAY:**

Scheme and Junior club workers and volunteers  
**Sat. Oct 17th 10.15 - 4.00**

Drama games, make-up  
**Sun. Oct 18th 10.0 - 4.00**  
Masks & costumes at the Leisure Centre, 34 Cambewell Road, SE5. Creche, Adults waged £5.00 per day unwaged £2.50, Child £1.50

For more information cont: Janet Dalglish, at the Leisure Centre.

**Information**

**TALKING ABOUT HEALTH  
TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ?**

A day to develop a strategy to improve the links between community groups and the health authority.

"The health authority wishes to involve voluntary organisations from the start of the planning process"  
**(Health Authority)**

" When it comes to health its important for the health authority to listen to local people".  
**(Community Group).**

Date: Friday 30th October, 10.am to 5.pm  
at CIVIC SUITE, CATFORD BROADWAY, SE6.

Workshops, creche, signers, speakers, interpreters, disabled access, transport available. **Be There\***

For more information please contact: Jane Miller, Health Education, South Wing, Nurses Home, Lewisham Hospital, High Street, SE13 6LH.  
**690-4311 ext 6289.**

**" FROM OCTOBER 17th to 25th, THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG WILL FLY OVER THE TOWN HALL OF SOUTHWARK FOR THE WEEK IN WHICH UNITED NATIONS DAY (OCTOBER 24th.) FALLS.**

**" IT REMINDS US OF THE IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND OF THE CHALLENGE LEVELLED BY THE MANY PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD".**

**NEWS \* NEWS \* NEWS \***

**DRINKS SWEETENERS  
'COULD CAUSE FITS'**

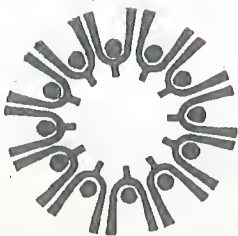
Scientists are demanding new research into a sweetener used in low calorie drinks.

They say the additive ASPARTAME which is 300 times sweeter than sugar may have unknown side effects. It has been passed as safe in Britain and the US and sells under the names of NUTRASWEET and CANDEREL.

But nearly 4,000 Americans have reported side effects since it was launched in the US in 1981.

Most were minor, but scientists fear possible brain tumours, seizures, and danger to children and pregnant women. Now 15% of US scientists want ASPARTAME banned, 32% think it should carry a warning label, and 42% want more research, according to a survey. Researchers at Leeds University say Aspartame can confuse the appetite control. One American woman drank 16 pints of Coke and lemonade every day, eventually having an epileptic fit. Dr Peter Masfield, who has written a book about the additives, said "most people eat at least half an ounce of chemical additives in their food and drink every day".

**" PLEASE USE THE CENTRE PAGE SPREAD AS A MINIPSTER ON YOUR GROUP OR CHURCH NOTICE BOARD TO PUBLICISE THE EVENTS ARRANGED IN SOUTHWARK. ORGANISERS OF ANY EVENT DURING THIS PERIOD ARE INVITED TO INFORM J.R. COTTLE  
TEL: 01 778-2979.**



# SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

135 RYE LANE SE15  
01-732-3731

LONDON BOROUGH  
OF SOUTHWARK  
SOUTHWARK  
COLLECTION

NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER '87

## THE FUTURE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

### THE OPEN FORUM:

As we reported in a special mailing the Open Forum of voluntary organisations met on September 25th to talk about the Council's budgeting crisis and strategies for the voluntary sector and community groups. To recap briefly Cllr. David Main who had by then resigned as Chair of the Finance General Purposes, painted a gloomy picture of the future for Council services and grant aided groups. The real problems would arise next year when the Council will have a shortfall of £50m only half of which they have some hope of finding. One of the worst aspects of the whole situation is that the Council is not talking to the voluntary sector and the community about this and not openly discussing strategies or realistic ways of challenging the attack by government on Inner city local authorities.

The meeting discussed the rumours and scares that have been circulating round the Borough about the cuts to the voluntary sector in the absence of any facts. It was agreed by the meeting that there must be a strategy for looking at these issues and a working group was set up to do this.

The first meeting of the group was on Thurs 15th October and 20 organisations were represented.

### At this meeting we agreed:-

- We need information networks which can give groups the **right** information.
- We need to **publicise** what the voluntary sector does especially highlight the gaps that it fills and the variety of essential services and support it offers to people in the Borough. It seems that some Council members still do not understand

the role and contribution of community groups and voluntary organisations. At the Policy Committee the previous Friday 9th October Cllr Winston Stafford and Cllr Tony Goss proposed a motion to absorb the Womens Cttee, Community Affairs Cttee and Race Equality Committee into the Policy Committee and redeploy the staff in those departments.

From the supposed savings from such a proposal it could only be deducted (although it was not stated) that the community groups funded by these committees would be cut as well. The motion was heavily defeated but we may not have heard the last of this kind of proposal.

- that present cutbacks could slice away at the work so far done in the Borough on Equal Opportunities, inadequate though that is. Voluntary organisations must resist colluding with policies which push this lower down the agenda.

- the relationship between the voluntary and statutory sector is one of **partnership**. We need to affirm this relationship with the council.

**As the first piece of action the meeting agreed to:-**

(1) Draft a letter to the Council requesting a meeting

(2) put together a **decent mailing list of all the voluntary organisations and community groups in the Borough so that the group can communicate effectively**. We plan to put together an amalgam of all known lists. If your organisation has a mailing list of community groups which you think would be useful please send it to **Owen Morris at SCCR, 352-354 Camberwell New Road, SE5 as soon as possible.**

The next meeting of the Working Group is on Thursday 5th November at SCVS.



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## \* INNER AREA PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS \*

OPEN MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL (Room A1/A2) ON: WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER at 10.30am

Someone from the DOE will be present:

# Initiative

## HELP TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS:

Six out of every ten new businesses fail in their first two years. Many Black businesses in Southwark fail because of the lack of management and financial control training available for black people.

With these stark facts in mind, Southwark Council's Employment and Training Division has launched a new course that will give training, counselling, assistance and advice to people starting up their own businesses in the borough. It is open to individuals, community enterprises and voluntary organisations to enrol on the course, no formal qualifications are necessary.

The course runs for 12 days, being held on:

19th - 21st October  
2nd - 5th November  
23rd - 25th November  
7th - 8th December

However, spaces available are limited and applicants should contact the Business Course Co-ordinator on 703 6311 ext 2052.

# GRANT AID

## CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID:

The deadline dates for comments on the new draft conditions of grant aid is 6th November.

In the special mailing we sent our immediate thoughts, based on discussions that previously took place within the voluntary sector. We have had no requests so far to have a special meeting on this. But we are willing to convene one (we now only have 2 full time and 2 part time workers in the SCVS Core group so we are very hard pressed at the moment)

**N.B.** We would appreciate copies of the comments your organisation sends to the Town Hall. Members of the Community Development Forum have noted that the section on Equal Opportunities Practice does not set out a working timetable for organisations to progress towards having a policy and carrying it out. Nor is there any indication of how the Council will monitor this other than a system of annual reporting.

One of the problems that remain is the lack of a fully worked out guidelines for monitoring/link Officers so that they operate fairly between one group and another through the different departments of the council.

## FUNDED BY THE I.L.E.A.

In view of the threat to the funding and to the future of the ILEA the London Voluntary services Council is collecting information about the extent to which the voluntary sector is dependent on the ILEA.

SCVS knows the voluntary sector in Southwark gets a lot of help from the ILEA sometimes this takes form of grants for salaries. Very often however it is small groups which receive almost hidden subsidies eg. voluntary youth groups using school premises, or a wide

## <Information>

## ONE OFF GRANTS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS IN SOUTHWARK:

Southwark's Women's Committee is inviting applicants for the following one-off grants.

### 1. CAPITAL GRANTS:

The women's Committee consider applications under the following three categories.

- To improve disabled access to your project
- Small items of equipment - up to £1,000 maximum.
- Repairs and maintenance to projects already receiving recurring revenue grants

### 2. REVENUE GRANTS:

The women's Committee will consider applications for activity grants to a maximum of £500 for Women's groups who plan to organise special events and activities in Southwark for INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. For more details: and/or application forms please write to;

DA CHOONG/RITA STALLARD. Women's Equality Unit, 207 Havill Street SE5 or ring 703-0911 ext 2143  
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRI 6th NOV.

range of organisations getting just a few tutor hours. No one (even the ILEA as far as can be discovered) has put together a full picture of all the community groups helped by the ILEA.

If your organisation does receive help in any way from the ILEA please let LVSC know by writing to CNU, LVSC 68 CHALTON STREET, LONDON NW1.



# PUBLICATIONS

## WHO'S WHO ?

in London Government

\* Which agencies have taken over the functions of the GLC  
\* where are they located?  
\* Who are the party leaders in each borough, and who are the principal officers?

\* Who are London's MPs and MEPs and how do I contact them?

\* Which are London's Health authorities and what areas do they cover?

\* Who is who in the London Boroughs Association, the Association of London Authorities, the Inner London Education Authority and the London Boroughs Grants Scheme?

\* What services does the London Research Centre cover?

The complexity of London's political bodies and administrative boundaries can make life difficult for voluntary and community groups and trying to find names of key politicians and officers can be a bewildering task.

**Who's Who in London Government** provides the answers to the above questions in a collated form not available anywhere else.

For order form please contact:  
**Information Service**  
LVSC 68 CHALTON STREET,  
LONDON NW1 1JR.

£3.50 per copy including postage and packing.

## WALWORTH PENSIONERS PROJECT:

**OVER SIXTIES OVERSEAS**  
An illustrated report of a study Trip of Southwark pensioners to France, Germany and Holland.

In May 1985, twelve Southwark pensioners and two assistants set off in a minibus to visit France, Germany and Holland. Their aim was to study the condition of retired people and the facilities provided for them. Had changes in pensions and retirement policy under Mitterand helped French Pensioners? why did Germany boast the highest pensions but

## T.I.N. HANDBOOK GIVES YOUNGSTERS JOBS AND TRAINING BOOST:

A handbook which gives information on employment, training and education has been published in Southwark by the Teenage Information Network.

Funded by Southwark's Jobs and Industry committee, the handbook is aimed at young people aged 16-25. It brings together vital and useful information in a way which is more accessible to them.

The handbook is divided into four chapters: 'Making the decision', 'Choosing a Skill or trade', 'Getting into work', 'Time On your Hands'.

Copies of the Youth Handbook are available free from the Teenage Information Network, 102 Harper Road, SE1.

Tel: 403 2444.

INSET, 175 Rye Lane, SE15  
Tel: 639 9111 and the open Access Project, 5-5a Westminster Bridge Road, SE1

Tel: 928 9941.

the least number of home help? Is the fact that Holland has more old people's homes per head than any other country in the world, good or bad news for the Dutch? What is the intention and the reality of 'community care' policies in each of the countries.

This is their unique report - clearly written, with quotes, tables and photographs. In 122 pages, it covers: population, retirement, government policy, pensions, benefits, housing, community care (family and social services), health and pensioners organisations. It concludes with statistics comparing conditions in the four countries (including the UK), and a summary.

It is a critical report which invites us to make a radical reassessment of provision in the UK. It looks in some detail at inequality in pension schemes; at policies of 'community care'; at the private or charity-run

## BLACK WOMANTALK:

OUR NEXT PROJECT.....

Are you interested in working together with other black women to put together a book of short stories?

Black womantalk intends to run a series of workshops around short story writing - which we hope will lead to a theme based book of short stories. We intend the workshops to be part of a learning process particularly for women who have not yet branched into writing short stories.

We would like to meet with other women who would like to be part of this project. We will discuss how to structure and organise the workshops

If you are interested please call  
**Gabriela 802 0464**  
**Da 263 7263**

health and social services; at the need for and supply of decent housing. It is especially concerned with access to services, and the special problems of low-paid workers, older women, ethnic minorities and the over-74s.

It is a refreshing and thought-provoking reading for anyone concerned with the 'pensioners movement' and the welfare of retired people, as well as those interested in the application and co-ordination of social policy.

"Over Sixties Overseas" is available from **Walworth Pensioners Project, 186 CRAMPTON ST. LONDON SE17 3AE.**

Price: £1.00 (+ 50p p&p)



**JOBS JOBS JOBS**

**SOUTHWARK WOMENS CENTRE AND BUS wish to fill the following vacancies:**

(a) One 17½ hour per week job-share post with Southwark Womens Bus, a double-decker bus converted for use as a mobile womens centre. Women of afro-caribbean origin are particularly encouraged to apply. (section 5(2d) of the Race Relations Act applies). Applicants must have a clean driving licence.

(b) One full-time creche co-ordinator required to work with Southwark Womens Centre and Bus. Applicants should have relevant experience. Job sharers are welcome to apply.

(c) One 17½ hours per week job share post for Southwark Womens Centre. For this post lesbians are particularly encouraged to apply.

(d) One qualified finance worker, 8 hours per week at £8.00 per hour, to work on a sessional basis to do wages, budgeting, bank reconciliations end-of-year accounts, etc. (Experience of voluntary/womens groups necessary, plus servicing a management committee).

All the above post, unless otherwise stated, will be on NJC salary scale 6 pro rata. All applicants are welcomed regardless of ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability.

For details and application forms please write to S.W.A.G. at 2-6 Peckham High street, London SE15.

**CLOSING DATE 2nd NOVEMBER 1987.**



**INFORMATION**

**CLEAR IDEAS FOR SOUTH WARK:**

A campaign launched next week to increase public awareness about lead free petrol is receiving full backing from Southwark Council.

The campaign for Lead Free Air - CLEAR - are launching the new campaign on October 14 with a press conference, followed by a series of 'Lead Free Weeks' throughout the country. Southwark, along with other inner London areas will be taking local initiatives from October 30 to November 6.

The borough has already benefitted from legislation passed in December 1985 which reduced the Lead content in petrol. Southwark's Public Protection Unit have monitored a substantial drop in lead pollution this year.

However, CLEAR along with Southwark says there is still a long way to go to help the environment and will be encouraging more motorists to change over completely to lead free

petrol. Currently 10% of the nation's vehicles can run on lead free petrol but many more can be converted to take the less toxic fuel quite simply and economically.

In Southwark there are three garages where lead free petrol is available. They are:

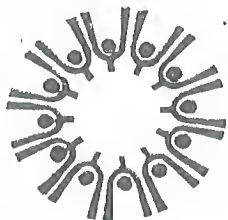
**Peckham Service Station**  
95 Peckham Road, SE5.

**Bloomfields, 110 Camberwell Road, SE5.**

**Star Service Station,**  
176 Grange Road, SE1

An information pack can be obtained from CLEAR at 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H ODD. Tel: 278-9686 For conversion details contact your car dealer or manufacturer.

"Are you fed up of doing your own Typing?"  
Do you secretly wish you had that extra pair of hands?"  
Then LOOK no further???  
For a free quote contact Babs 761-2393



# **SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

135 RYE LANE SE15

01-732-3731

**NEWSLETTER**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**1987**  
**ISSUE**

## **Cuts Working Group**

### Future funding of the voluntary sector;

The second meeting of this group was held on 5th November and again about 20 organisations were represented. A draft letter to the leader was agreed and this letter is in the mailing.

The group now has an amalgamated and very comprehensive mailing list of all known voluntary organisations in the Borough. We have agreed to invite the Town Hall unions to our next meeting and we had a full report on what other boroughs are doing from a London wide meeting attended by a member of the group.

**The next meeting of the voluntary sector cuts working group is on Wednesday 25th November at 10.00 at SCVS. All voluntary organisations are and community groups are welcomed at this meeting.**

In the meantime the Social Services Department have sent to their funded groups an outline of plans. Although it is supposed to be a consultation document, there is little room for manoeuvre. An emergency meeting of all

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## **Southwarks Poverty Profile**

### SOUTHWARKS POVERTY PROFILE & SOUTHWARKS HEALTH:

Southwark Council has just produced two very useful documents highlighting the levels of poverty, ill health, unemployment, and poor housing to be found in the borough. These are the results of a survey carried out in the Borough this year and they make shocking reading

1-5 of all households in the Borough are living on £50 per week or less and 35,500 people dependent upon supplementary benefit Homelessness is rising at an alarming rate and levels of unemployment are rising rapidly, more rapidly than the national average. The reports indicate that Southwark has one of the highest concentrations of multiple deprivation in the country and few areas in the country have such a wide range of poverty indicators particularly in the North Peckham area. There are also sharp differences between different parts of the Borough. For example the death rate in Consort Ward in Peckham was consistently 50% higher than two Dulwich Wards between '81 & 85.

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## **I.A.P. SHAMBLES**

### INNER AREA

### PROGRAMME SHAMBLES:

The IAP process this year has proved to be if anything even less well thought out than last year when at least the Council had an excuse that it was only given two months notice to get together. Disappointingly it turned out there is only about **£600,000 new money** available for this year for which the Council will also be competing with their own bids.

The voluntary sector had not seen the Council bids and had to ask that they do so at a recent meeting. We have just received them here at SCVS and the total far exceeds the amount of money available this year. The ILEA bid is yet to come.

Requests from a voluntary sector open forum in May there has been no proper consultation on IAP this year apart from a series of ill thought out meetings held in July at one weeks notice.

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Social Services groups has been called for Thurs 19th Nov. and will report back to the Cuts Working Group on 25th, the deadline for consultation is 24th November which gives Social Services funded groups little time to think out the implications of the proposals.

**The Community Development Forum** convened a meeting of voluntary sector groups on Mon 9th November. At this meeting Anne Matthews the Leader of the Council confirmed her support for the voluntary sector and gave recognition of the fact that small percentage cuts to a small organisation could mean that it could no longer operate. She confirmed that the Council recognised that they had the responsibility and no one else to make decisions about future funding and that they were determined to struggle on to minimise the impact of government cuts as far as is possible. Any alternatives would result in far worse cuts to jobs and services.

The Leader told the meeting that a document was in preparation which would set out the position to the voluntary sector and would make clear proposals. Groups made it clear that since womens and black groups were already seriously underfunded cuts have to be made in such a way that do not reduce even further the resources to these groups. It was agreed that a future meeting of the Voluntary sector would meet to talk to the Leader once she had produced her consultation document.

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These documents are essential reading for all voluntary organisations in the Borough. They give a factually based picture of the levels of misery and deprivation the people of this Borough are already enduring. This is before new Social Security and Housing legislation comes into operation and before the Poll Tax which will make most households in the Borough worse off. Put this together with the serious underfunding of the Council and reductions in hospital and education services and we have a catalogue of deprivation and need we find it difficult to contemplate.

#### **PITT ST. SETTLEMENT**

Has just spent a day looking at the present financial situation and the implications of emerging government policies and future legislation such as the Poll Tax. They started to put together a course of action out of this and felt it had been a necessary and useful day. It may be that other organisations might find this useful.

The poverty studies and the catalogue of future legislation make it clear how very tough it is going to be in the future for Southwark residents and those organisations trying to deliver a service already hard pressed to meet growing needs. What has happened to the Inner Area Programme indicates the trend. There is now no money for new initiatives and present services are under pressure. Small amounts of money are available (and also from the Task Force) for economic regeneration, and job training for the economic sector. The urgent needs that cannot be met by these means are simply being denied and ignored by this government.

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**N.B. These Documents**  
"Southwark Health"  
"Fair Shares" - the Southwark Poverty Profile  
are available from:  
SOUTHWARK PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT.  
ANGEL COURT,  
BOROUGH HIGH STREET,  
SE1  
403 - 3322 x 2203.

#### **I.A.P. Conti...**

Seriously also this year officers' comments for the short listing committee were not seen by the groups. We did think that the principle of groups seeing comments written about them by officers had been firmly established in this Borough. SCVS Executive is writing about the process to the council and will be protesting about this in the letter.

There was also some dissatisfaction with the way applications did not always seem to have gone to the appropriate departments for comment and might well have received unjustifiably unfavourable comments as a result.

**The following applications were short listed.**

After the interviews on 9th Nov. and now are to be considered by the Policy Committee, this meeting of policy takes place on 15th December before the total programme is forwarded to the DoE by Christmas.

- Camberwell After School (capital only)
- Cambridge House Development Project  
- CAREFREE-support for young people
- Southwark Cypriot Group
- Lorrimore Centre-support to the mentally ill

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## Comm... IAP SHORTLIST

- Black Business - Enter-  
Development & Training  
Agency

- Browning Employment &  
Training Project

● Sojourner Truth Youth  
Association

- Albrighton Skills & Acti-  
vity Centre

- Theatre Training Centre  
UMOJA.

- Sojourner House - for  
homeless single young  
women.

● Peckham & Dulwich  
housing Association.

- Artichoke Mews - an  
environmental project.

● Southwark Volunteer  
Workers Bureau.



## PLEASE NOTE

### SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES - CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:

S.C.V.S. WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR CHRISTMAS FROM  
24th DECEMBER till  
11th JANUARY 1988.

WE HAVE TO HAVE  
A GENERAL CLEAR OUT  
OF THE OFFICE, SO TO  
ENABLE US TO DO SO  
THOROUGHLY WE HAVE  
TO CLOSE THE OFFICE.

THANKYOU FOR ALL  
YOUR SUPPORT IN THE  
PAST YEAR

### S.C.V.S. REVIEW DAY

Southwark Council for  
voluntary services would  
like to take this oppor-  
tunity to inform our  
readers that the SCVS  
Office will be CLOSED  
on TUES 1st DECEMBER  
So that the organisation  
can review management  
and staff priorities.

## APPEAL S.O.S.

### THE BOOKPLACE

### APPEAL APPEAL APPEAL

### UP FOR AUCTION ON OUR TENTH BIRTHDAY ? WE'RE TOO YOUNG TO DIE

" Irreplaceable"... "The  
only decent bookshop for  
miles. Great multicul-  
tural stock - not even  
Foyles have this much"...  
" A unique centre for loca  
community arts and cul-  
ture - a real resource  
which must not be lost"...  
These are some comments  
from customers who have  
signed a petition supporting  
the Bookplace in the face  
of the forthcoming auction  
of the premises by the  
London Residuary Body on  
26th November.

A fortnight before, The  
Bookplace celebrates ten  
years as one of Peckham's  
last remaining educational  
and cultural resources.  
Since November 12, 1977,  
the project has offered  
local people a bookshop,  
adult education, youth  
activities and a community  
publishing project. The  
building, owned by the  
abolished GLC, is to be  
sold off along with the  
other shops and small  
businesses in the block.  
The Civil servants at the  
LRB are polite but firm.  
This means that a wide  
range of activities, funded  
by ILEA, Southwark Coun-  
cil, Greater London Arts,  
the Adult Literacy and  
Basic Skills Unit and the  
National Federation of  
voluntary Literacy  
schemes, could be made  
homeless. A whole spec-  
trum of work in progress,  
featuring close involve-  
ment with the community  
and the accumulated know-  
how of experienced wor-  
kers, could be thrown into  
the street.

This is ironic, coming at  
a time when the North  
Peckham Task Force, the  
government's million pound  
investment in the North  
Peckham Estate and one  
of its most publicised  
measures "to regenerate  
the inner cities", is strug-  
gling to get off the ground  
for lack of local confi-  
dence and support. Many  
of The Bookplace's custo-  
mers and students and  
some of its Management  
Committee and workers  
live in the Task Force  
area. They and many other  
local people are deter-  
mined to campaign for the  
future of The Bookplace.

We are asking for your  
attention and SUPPORT

**S.O.B**  
**ookplace**



# Publications/ Training/ Courses

## TRAINING/COURSES FUNDRAISING

Marketing Resource Centre  
11-13 Charterhouse Building  
London, EC1.

### EFFECTIVE PROMOTIONS:

- 2 Day Seminar on how to plan your advertising strategy, How to design an advertising leaflet or poster, and How to choose the most appropriate way to promote your course.

**Dates:- 24th Nov & 1st Dec.**

**Fee: £25.**

### GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 1 Day Seminar on How to Develop A Positive Public Image for Your Organisation.

**Date: 3rd Dec.**

**Fee: £25.**

### ORGANISING A MAIL OUT TO RAISE SUPPORT-

1 Day Seminar on How to Plan, Send Out and Follow Up A Cost-Effective Mail Out.

**Date: 8th Dec.**

**Fee: £25.**

### PRESS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

- 1 Day Seminar on How the Press and Media Works, How to Approach Them and How to Write an Effective Press Release.

**DATE: 10th Dec.**

**Fee: £25.00.**

Fees include refreshments, Lunch and all course handouts:

To Book places ring the Centre on 608-1144.

### DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

#### APPLYING TO TRUSTS:

1 day workshop.

**Date: 18th Nov.**

**Fee: £30.**

#### BASIC FUNDRAISING

**Dates 2nd & 3rd Dec.**

**Fee: £50.**

## ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**Dates: 1st & 2nd March '88.**

**Fee: £50.**

For more details contact **Directory of Social Change** on 435-8171 or **Lib Dunn** at SCVS.

SCVS has information about other courses on fundraising and accounting, either come in and have a look or phone **Lib Dunn**. We also have directories/books etc which groups may find useful including:-

- A guide to the Major Grant Making Trusts.
- Company Charitable Giving 1987 Statistics.
- Negotiating Grants: Issues for Local Authorities and Voluntary Groups.
- Funding Digest - Sample copy.
- Directory of Grant Making Trusts.
- Raising Money for Women.
- Fundraising and Grant Aid for Voluntary Organisations.
- Fundraising Information Pack.
- How to Apply to Trusts etc.

### CAMBERWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

[ Service for people with learning difficulties ]  
Camberwell Health Authority are having a recruitment day for those people interested in working as support workers.

The date for the recruitment is **Wednesday 18 Nov at 12.00 - 7.00pm**

**Venue : BOWLEY CLOSE FARQUHAR ROAD, SE19 CRYSTAL PALACE.**

**Tel: 708 - 0326 ext 211**

Contact person for more information **BOB WEBB.**

## NEW PUBLICATIONS FUNDRAISING

### NEGOTIATING GRANTS: ISSUES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

A resource pack from NCVO's Community Care Project. Designed to be used by both Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations. It should be useful to Councillors and staff in councils and to help voluntary organisations find out more about grants and how they work and also as a basis for discussions between voluntary sector and council.

Price **£4.00** from **Community Care Project, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU.**

### FUNDING DIGEST

Produced Bi-Monthly by the research **Training Initiatives** to give up to date info on:-

- New sources of funds.
  - Changes in the policy of existing givers.
  - Training opportunities to improve fund-raising.
  - Skills.
  - Reviews of publications.
- Subscription cost:- £75 per year.**

For a subscription form contact the Funding Digest Editor, **R.T.I. 18-20 Dean St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 1PG.**

### WACAT is now HORIZON.

Community Arts Resource  
**HORIZON P.O.BOX 726**  
1a Wendover Thurlow St.  
London SE17 2UY  
**Tel: 701 - 7413**

## PUBLICATION:

### OUT OF SIGHT

The new visit visa system overseas.

A year ago, visas were introduced for visitors from the Indian subcontinent and West Africa. **Out of Sight** is the first independent report on the working of the visa system overseas. The report describes how the system operates in the five new visa countries and documents some of the problems caused by the sudden introduction of the new system. It claims that many of the concerns when the system was first introduced have proved well-founded

**Out of Sight** is available, Price £2.50, from JCWI. it will be useful for all those concerned about the increasing restrictions of British immigration control and its impact on people who are out of sight of the British media and Parliament; as well as for those advising visa applicants or their families.

Contact JCWI,  
115 OLD STREET, EC1V  
9JR. for a copy.

## Information

### PITT STREET TOY LIBRARY:

**Whats New?** Toy Library sessions **Where** Lister Health Centre 1 Camden Square SE15.

**When** Monday 2.00-4.00pm  
Tuesday 9.30-11.30am  
Friday 9.30-11.30am  
Starting 26th October  
New times for PITT ST.  
TOY LIBRARY, EAST  
SURREY GROVE, SE15  
**Wednesday** 12.00-3.00pm  
**Thursday** 10.00-12am.

Annual Membership 50p



### BLACK CHILDREN NEED BLACK FAMILIES

Did you know that there are a number of black children in the care of Southwark Council who need to be adopted/fostered?

Are you a black family who would like to offer a home to some of these children?

#### **YOU DON'T NEED TO.**

1. Have any special qualification
2. Own your own home
3. Be married
4. Be working or at home

#### **HOWEVER YOU DO NEED TO BE**

1. Be patient
2. Be energetic
3. be understanding
4. Be able to offer love, care stability and positive sense of identity for the child.

#### **WE PROVIDE**

1. Generous Allowance
2. Training to anyone interested in undertaking this commitment

#### **WANT TO HELP? THEN**

contact: The Adoption and Fostering Unit  
27-29 Camberwell Road,  
London SE5 0EZ

or call us on:

703 0941 and speak to:  
Paulette Elliot, Bob Lunan,  
Jasmine Robinson, Jacque  
Barley.

#### **BLACK INITIATIVES TEAM**

If you want to know some more then come to Peckham Leisure Centre McKerrall Road, Peckham SE15, on the 17th Nov. Between 2pm and 8pm

## Southwark Services

Southwark Social Services is conducting a series of performance reviews of different services including proposals for massive cuts in hospital social work services. The South East London Consortium (concerned with the single homeless) has written protesting against these proposals. They would be keen to support any other campaigning activity on this issue.

If your organisation is planning to lobby and protest, get in touch with Janet Hunter Health worker at the Consortium.  
Tel: 701 - 2002

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **POSITIVE VIBRATIONS (REGGAE NIGHT)**

SOUTHWARK ARTS present "POSITIVE VIBRATIONS" A pre-Christmas Reggae Extravaganza featuring Benjamin Zephaniah, Abacush, Christine Lewin, with DJ LSB from FAZE ONE RADIO.

Support PA is by Christine Lewin, while LSB from Faze One radio is compere and DJ for the night. Positive Vibrations will take place on Friday 27th November 1987, 8pm, at the North Peckham Civic Centre, 600-608 Old Kent Road, SE15. Admission prices are: £4.50 & £3.50 (unwaged).

Advance tickets and information can be obtained from the Southwark Arts Box Office at 186 Walworth Road, SE17 1JJ. For tickets 703 - 2917 for info Tel: 703 - 3499 ext 225.



## VIDEO UNIT:

The Video Unit have a selection of courses now available. For a booking form and information, telephone **735 4668** and leave your name and address on the answer-phone.

1. 23 Nov -27 Nov VHS COURSE.

2. 30 Nov 11 Dec NORTH PECKHAM COURSE  
Two weeks.

3. 11 Jan - 15 Feb NEW IMAGES WOMEN ONLY.  
Mondays for 6 weeks. VHS

4. 18 Jan - 22 Jan BLACK ONLY VHS COURSE, one week.

5. 6 Feb & 7 Feb COM? MUNITY WORKERS COURSE. Weekend in VHS

6. 22 Feb - 26 Feb ADVANCED UMATIC COURSE - bookable on completion of VHS course.

The video unit also produce productions in video,

ranging from filming events to publicity to documentaries.

For further Info regarding productions telephone: **735 - 4668.**

## ALBANY HEALTH PROJECT \* JOB ADVERT

The Albany Health Project aims to work with the local communities to help identify health needs and offer support and information on an individual basis and through work with groups. Existing work with groups includes work with women and young people. We are currently in the process of re-evaluating and re-structuring the work of the project.

We are looking for two community workers with an understanding of health issues, to join our well established neighbourhood health project in Deptford.

## Community Health Project Co-ordinator - Full Time (35 Working Hours PW.)

The worker must have in depth knowledge to develop work with the Afro Caribbean community; and be able to deal sensitively with women's issues.

SALARY £9,716 p.a.  
Review pending (LEAVE  
30 working days.

" " " Development wor-  
ker - Half Time 17½  
working hours). P.W.

The worker must be able to undertake development work with men, around their health needs.

SALARY £4,858 p.a. Re-  
view pending LEAVE 15  
working days.

The project is funded annually by Lewisham Council.

Experience of working in a multi racial inner city area is necessary and we ask for an indication of that and an account of your anti-racist, anti-sexist practice experience to be included in your application form.

**Closing Date: Friday 27th November 1987**  
**Contact**  
**THE ALBANY CENTRE**  
**DOUGLAS WAY,**  
**DEPTFORD, SE8**  
**Tel: 692 - 0231.**

## JUNIPER HOUSE CO-OPERATIVE

## HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE WORKER:

Juniper House is a 75 unit Tenant Management Housing Co-operative in Peckham.

We are now looking for an efficient and enthusiastic worker to handle a range of administrative and information tasks.

Duties will include maintaining rent accounts, arranging repairs to Co-op flats, basic book keeping and, together with the tenant members, ensuring the smooth day to day running of the co-op.

Experience of working for a Housing Co-operative or community organisation (paid or voluntary) would be an advantage. Office skills, the ability to work on your own, good organisational and communications skills are more important than specialist skills for which training can be offered. Experience of living/working in a multiracial community and a commitment to equal opportunities practice are essential.

**SALARY £8,400 for 26**  
**Hours per week (local**  
**authority Scale 6 incl LW)**

Application forms from:  
**36 JUNIPER HOUSE,**  
**POMEROY STREET, SE14.**  
To be returned by 11 DEC

WE welcome applicants from all sections of the community regardless of race, gender, sexuality or disability. (although there is no wheelchair access above the ground floor).

**NB. we have no way of**  
**handling telephone en-**  
**quiries and that we cannot**  
**offer accommodation**  
**within the Co-op.**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION PROJECT:**

**PLANNING & RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR**

Wanted by Community Information Project to research the provision of advice services in London boroughs. The work will involve forging links with advice centres, local authorities and community organisations, carrying out surveys, on their behalf, into current levels of advice service position and helping to draw up plans for future development.

**APPLICANTS WILL NEED**

\* A broad understanding of the work of advice services. \* Good communication skills and basic numeracy \* An ability to identify information sources, interpret and pull together relevant data and write clear reports on findings. \* To demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to equality of opportunity. \* Basic computer skills or willingness to be trained. \* Self servicing.

**SALARY £13,551 Inclusive per annum. CLOSING DATE 4th DECEMBER 87'**

Details from CIP  
136 CITY ROAD, LONDON  
EC1V 2NJ.

**INNER LONDON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION:**

**BLACK FIELDWORKER**  
(Appointments under Section 5.2.D Race Relations Act)

**SOUTHWARK-LEWISHAM**  
A part time Fieldworker in either of these branches to support the work of Inner London P.P.A. term time only.

**SOJOURNER TRUTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION:**

**JOB CLUB JOB CLUB**

If you are unemployed and need help in finding employment assistance, come and join us now.

**What is a jobclub ?**

A jobclub is a place where people who have been out of work for sometime can get together to work at finding a job.

**What does a jobclub aim to do ?** The aim of the jobclub is to get each member the best possible job in the shortest possible time.

**What does a jobclub contain ?** Each jobclub has telephones, pens, paper envelopes and stamps for the use of the members free of charge. Members also have the use of a photocopier.

Experience with under fives and their families essential. In-service training available for those with little or no knowledge of P.P.A.

All ILPPA fieldworkers are members of a team encouraging responsible parent involvement and a high standard of care and education in groups for all sections of the community, those appointed under section 5 should be of extra support to black and other ethnic minority families. **SALARY £3,927 (Inc L.W.)** Approximately 19 HOURS per week.

Application forms and Job description available from  
**INNER LONDON P.P.A.**  
314/316 VAUXHALL  
BRIDGE ROAD, SW1V 1AA  
Tel 828 - 1402.



**How does a jobclub work?**

The jobclub leader shows members the best ways to contact employers and make job applications. The member then uses the facilities provided to contact employers and apply for jobs.

**How many members does a jobclub have?** Normally there will be about 20 members of a jobclub at any one time.

**How often do members attend a jobclub ?**

Members commit themselves to attending every session of the club at least 4 half days each week.

**How long do members stay on a jobclub ?**

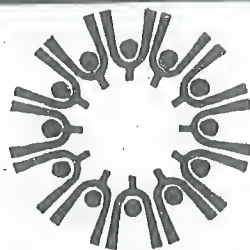
Members stay on a jobclub as long as it takes them to get a job.

**CALL IN HAVE A CHAT AND JOIN.**

**STYA 83 PECKHAM HIGH STREET SE15**

Ring Charmaine 708 3023





SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

FOR

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

&

JENNY STILE'S LEAVING PARTY

on THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 1987  
at 6.00 - 8.00

135 RYE LANE SE15

BRING A BOTTLE

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED

R.S.V.P.

# Southwark Council For Voluntary Service

FEBRUARY  
NEWSLETTER  
1988

135 Rye Lane 732-3731

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR NEWS

### SHOULD THE COUNCIL SET UP A CENTRAL GRANT MAKING COMMITTEE?

#### WHAT DOES THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA ?

At the meeting between the Leader and the voluntary sector working group on Tuesday 15th December Anne Matthews asked the group to consider the idea of setting up a central grant making committee that would consider all applications and administer all grants. So far there are no details about how this would work out or the basis for making this proposal. The voluntary sector working group is asking for this.

#### INNER AREA PROGRAMME:

At Policy Committee on 15th December it was decided to forward to the Department of the Environment those projects that were short listed. These were listed in the last Newsletter (November 87).

1. Camberwell After School project - Capital only
2. Cambridge House Development Project.
3. Southwark Cypriot Group
4. Lorrimore Centre for the Mentally ill
5. Sojourner Truth Youth Association.
6. Southwark Voluntary Workers Bureau.

7. Peckham & Dulwich Housing Association Limited.

Southwark is prepared to meet its existing commitments to DoE funded projects despite the need for cut backs in expenditure. This is to be welcomed by the voluntary sector.

The Working Group on IAP set up by the Open Forum in 1987 did meet last autumn. It was felt by the group to be inappropriate to set up a day workshop on IAP as the available funds get less over the four year period which started 86/87.

The group instead decided to write to the leader of the Council about the consultation process (or the lack of it) and the implications for the voluntary sector of the dwindling money available over the four year period.

HERE IS THE LETTER:-

DEAR

We should like to record our objections to the way the Council has conducted the consultation exercise for Inner Area Programme bids. Southwark has failed to take cognisance of the discussions that took place last year where the voluntary sector put forward suggestions for effective consultation on I.A.P. The Council has chosen to continue the process of 'cosmetic consultation' which fails to involve the voluntary sector in the real decision making process.

We specifically object to the claim that some hastily arranged meetings in July amounted to consultation, especially since we had asked that consultation begin early in the year; that none of the material produced gave any indication of the amount of money that would be available for voluntary sector schemes; that the voluntary sector were never consulted about the schemes that the Council are to put forward for IAP funding; that Council officers gave organisations no guidance on the strategy to be employed when making bids; and that groups were not afforded the opportunity to see and comment on the remarks made by Officers on their bids, comments which must have carried a great deal of weight with members when deciding whether to short list groups.

If the voluntary sectors involvement in I.A.P. is to have any value then the Council must agree to certain criteria to facilitate meaningful consultation. Firstly resources in the third and subsequent years of this rolling programme will decline sharply for IAP to mean anything to the voluntary sector the council must agree not to submit any of their own projects for funding. We also suggest that an Inner Area Programme strategy group be formed to include representatives from voluntary organisations, the Council, I.L.E.A. and the Area Health Authority. The steering group should be convened by the



## VOL/SEC

Council to advise on the content of the IAP strategy, liaise with the D.O.E. and advise on the mechanism for administering the programme. The meetings will be open to any and all groups in the voluntary sector and will afford the opportunity not only to devise projects that fulfill the needs of the people of Southwark but also enable us to challenge criteria imposed on us by the D.O.E.

I hope that the above will be given your most serious consideration and would be happy to meet with you to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

If any organisation thinks it would still be useful to have workshops later this year on applying for I.A.P. please let us know.

## UPDATE

### VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKING PARTY ON CUTS - UPDATE

The Voluntary sector working group on Cuts is made up of and open to all people in voluntary organisations in Southwark. The aim of the working group is to co-ordinate action on any cuts or other attacks on the voluntary sector in the Borough.

#### The meeting with the Leader.

This took place on 15th December and as agreed by the meeting of the cuts group on 9th December was attended by:

Janet Heatley - PPA advisor and Acting Chair of SCVS.

Isa Ibrahim - Secretary- Southwark Black Community Consortium  
Kitty Leek - Director-Peckham Settlement.

Donald McTernan - Apex Trust & CATS Management Committee.  
Joel O'Loughlin - Sojourner Truth Youth Association & SBCC Cttee.  
Michelle Pearce - CAB.

Chris Richards - Peckham Settlement, SCVS Executive and member of Community Development Forum.

It was a long meeting and felt by the group to be positive. Many of the initial points which the group wanted to make were made by Anne Matthews herself. The summary of this meeting was circulated in the last Cuts Group mailing.

The Leader and four Chairs, also present, were anxious that the voluntary sector should be able to respond quickly to proposals as decisions on the budget are likely to be made quickly. The welcomed the representative small group which can act as a reference point. All the Chairs have been urged to attend the next meeting.

### VOLUNTARY SECTOR DEMANDS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE CUTS GROUP ON 13th JANUARY 1988.

#### 1. 7% Cut Policy:

We need to demand 1. that the voluntary sector must not experience more than a 7% cut. This was agreed.

#### 2. Monitoring:

We need to demand 2. that the monitoring process should not be used to penalise or cut groups.

#### 3. Guarantees and time limits:

We demand that 3. groups are given one months planning time as well as the three months where cuts are to be made.

#### 4. Community Development Forum Anti-Racism paper circulated at the last meeting:

We demand that 4. the Council does not cut funding to black groups as they are seriously underfunded.

#### PUBLICITY GROUP:

The Working Group saw a need to begin campaigning and publicising the work of the voluntary sector in the Borough. It was agreed that it would be a good idea if the voluntary sector publicity had some common linking theme and to this end a publicity and campaign group was set up.

The aims of this group are to raise public awareness of what the voluntary sector is, what it does and the implications of cuts by using fairly extensive media coverage, posters etc. It will report back to meetings of the cuts group.

**NB:** SCVS will act as the clearing house for all communications and keep the voluntary sector informed. But will only have one full time and two part workers left in the organisation in the short term. They will need with mailings. Meanwhile, we hope that everyone is receiving information, if there are any problems please contact LIB DUNN at SCVS.

### S.W.A.G. NEEDS YOU

HAVE YOU GOT TIME, ENERGY AND COMMITMENT? IF SO, WHY NOT JOIN SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S ACTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH MANAGES THE SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S CENTRE AND BUS.

WE PARTICULARLY WANT BLACK WOMEN AND LESBIANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROJECTS MANAGEMENT, SO IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT BEING ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEANS, JUST GIVE US A RING AT THE CENTRE ON 701 - 2564.



# APEX TRUST

## APEX TRUST IN PECKHAM

Apex Trust is a nationwide charitable organisation working

primarily with previous offenders and the long term unemployed towards suitable employment placing.

Peckham has one of the highest level of unemployment in the capital. This factor is greatly responsible for the rising crime rate. The opportunity for securing employment if one is an ex-offender, is an acute problem when so often this group is negated by employers.

Apex Trust's Employment Resource Centre and Specialist Job Club in Peckham will be in full operation as of January 1988 aiming essentially to provide an employment information and counselling service, job search facilities and practical skills training tailored to meet the needs of the ex-offender and the youth at risk of offending (often a reality for young people living in one of the many council estates in Southwark).

Priority will be given to preventative work, employer contact and black youth. There are plans underway to accommodate workshops with a view to training for a future; information technology, art appreciation, drama, office skills, literacy and numeracy, domestic science and community enterprise.

The Project has a team of five:

Kevin Walker: Project Manager  
Txus Webb: Training Officer  
Lateef Bey: Training Officer  
Billy Moore: Specialist Job Club Leader.

Project Secretary position currently vacant.

Contact:- BILLY on 701 - 7668

5-8 HORDLE PROMENADE EAST, SUMNER ROAD, PECKHAM, SE15 6EU.

WHY NOT GIVE US A CHANCE ? TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE!!!!!!

## UNDER

## 25'S

### DO YOU WORK WITH THE UNDER 25's

In April 1988 new Social Security regulations are being introduced, which will directly affect under 25 year olds entitlement to supplementary Benefit. The present higher basic rate (personal allowance) for people paying rent will disappear, to be replaced by a system where a young person's entitlement depends upon age.

There will be a lower personal allowance rate for single people under and less again for the under 18s, regardless of whether or not they are living independently and have bills to pay.

This means that a single under 18 year old householder could receive as much as £14.00 per week less than a 26 year old. This is just one of the many changes which will affect young people and the implications are far reaching.

Between now and April a team of workers from SUYP is offering young unemployed people information and advice on the new regulations. If you are in contact with any young people, who you think may benefit from further information, we would be happy to pay them a visit and talk with them.

Contact: LORRAINE FREEGARD  
Southwark Unemployed Youth Project

12 CHOUVERT GROVE, SE15.

Tel: 358 - 0304.

## Information

### TURKISH SPEAKING POPULATION

As volunteers from the Turkish Community, have been working on behalf of and in support of Turkish people for more than two years.

We provide help and advice on Housing, problems with the Home Office, Health, Welfare Rights, Education, Language (Turkish-English), Youth and Family problems, Maternity, DHSS, and other problems where help is needed.

Do not hesitate to come to the following sessions where we will be happy to provide assistance.

TELEGRAPH HILL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE,  
170 NEW CROSS ROAD,  
SE14. Tel:- 732 - 9716/7

Monday 1.30pm - 4pm  
Wednesday 1.30pm - 4pm

ALBANY CENTRE  
ROOM 27. DOUGLAS WAY,  
DEPTFORD, SE8.  
Tel:- 692 - 0231 ex 239.

Wednesday 1.30pm - 4pm  
Thursday 11am - 4pm  
Friday 11am - 4pm

LEE CENTRE  
1 AISLIBIE ROAD,  
LEE, SE12 8QH. Tel 852 - 4700

We will start providing a place EVERY MONDAY only for Women and Children at the LEE CENTRE in the afternoons from January 4th 1988.

Issued by the SOUTH LONDON  
TURKISH COMMUNITY CENTRE  
170 NEW CROSS ROAD, SE14 5AA.  
Tel: 732 - 9716.

**SOUTHWARK MUSLIM WOMEN ASSOC.**  
YOUNG ASIANS - YOUNG MUSLIMS  
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR OWN CULTURE ? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN URDU, ARABIC, ASIAN MUSIC, DANCE ?  
Would you like to meet other young people like yourselves ? if so come along and join the Southwark Muslim Youth Club  
C/o S.M.W.A.  
Top Floor, OLD BELLENDEN SCHOOL, BELLENDEN ROAD, SE15 2LG.  
Tel:- 732 - 8053  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Sundays,



# CRISIS 88'

## CRISIS 88 ? Publication

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT CUTS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

DO YOU KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE CUTS  
Crisis 88? is a series of five bulletins to be produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, in response to the effects of ratecapping and other cuts on the voluntary sector.

Crisis 88? will look at the budget situation in areas most likely to be affected by cuts.

Crisis 88? will provide an opportunity for information exchange and give ideas for action, to promote and protect the role of voluntary organisations at a local level. Anyone with ideas and information which could be included in future issues, please send them to Christian Wolman Editor, CRISIS 88?, LVAD, National Council for Voluntary Organisations 26 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON WC1B 3HU.

The crisis 88? Bulletins are being sold at £5 for a set of five (including the first one free).

## EDITORS NOTE:

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PLEASE EXCUSE

### SOUTHWARK WOMENS SIGNING ON CAMPAIGN.

Southwark Womens Signing On Campaign may be looking for a Community group to share office at 135 RYE LANE, SE15. Preferably a womens group.

For details please phone:  
703 - 5025 ask for Southwark Womens Signing On Campaign.

### EXCLUSIVE PARTY \* \* \* \* \*

Southwark Women's Signing On Campaign is having an exclusive party for women who are interested in finding out more about what we do, especially women who can spare a few hours a month to be part of our management Committee.

DATE: Tuesday 9th February

TIME: 12.noon - 3-pm.

PLACE: Thomas Carlton Centre,  
Choumert Road, SE15.

(Entrance in Altha Street).

FOOD\* DRINK\* CRECHE\* FUN  
VIDEOS\*

Phone 703 5025 and ask for us if  
you want to find out more.

## FUNDS

### SOUTHWARK HOLIDAY PROJECTS FUNDING

Please note the closing date for Summer holiday applications. Would you ensure that your application form reaches the Grants Co-ordination Unit by that date.

Summer Projects - 16th May 1988.

Application forms are available from:

Valencia Nichols

Southwark Grants Co-ordination Unit

Town Hall

Room 408

Peckham Road

SE5 8UB.

Tel No:- 703-6311 x 2084/2041/  
2051.

## COURSE

PECKHAM

BLACK WOMEN'S CENTRE

will be running a 7 day course entitled "GOOD PRACTISES IN COMMUNITY WORK".

The course will run every Monday for 5 weeks starting on the 8th February and is geared to black women working in the community on a paid or voluntary basis who feel they would benefit from further training and women who have no experience but are interested in becoming involved. The aim of the course is to familiarise women with the theory and practise of community work and to promote self-awareness through discussion and debate. It will be free except for a small charge for lunch.

The centre has a free creche. Places on the course must be booked in advance.

CONTACT: Linda Crawford or Nanda Sirker. Tel No:- 358-1486.

### COURSES

Feb. 8th Communication skills (counselling & group work)  
Feb. 22nd - Management skills.  
Feb. 29th - Organising effective campaigns.  
March 7th - Further Training.



SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

135 RYE LANE,  
PECKHAM,  
LONDON,  
SE15.  
TEL NO: 732-3731/2.

## NEW WORKERS INTRODUCTION.

Dear Colleagues,

I recently started work in SCVS.

I'm pleased to be involved in the voluntary sector in Southwark at a very "challenging" time.

Alongside general field work my particular areas of responsibility are:

- Working with Community Development Forum.
- Organising training programmes for the voluntary sector.
- Monitoring potential funding agencies for the voluntary sector.

So if you feel you need training in particular areas I would be glad to hear from you.

Also if you have information on funding agencies, that you feel would be useful to other voluntary groups please contact me.

Nuala Conlan.

1988.

Dear Colleagues,

I am **Jacqueline L. Scott** the new **Community Support Worker** at **S.C.V.S.** Within this role I will be concentrating on working generally with Black people's groups and specifically with Black women's groups.

Being new to Southwark, I will be spending the first few months getting to know the Borough, and making contacts with groups and individuals.

As part of this process I would like to visit your project. Please telephone me to arrange a convenient date.

Yours in the fight for justice  
**Jacqueline L. Scott**  
Community Support Worker

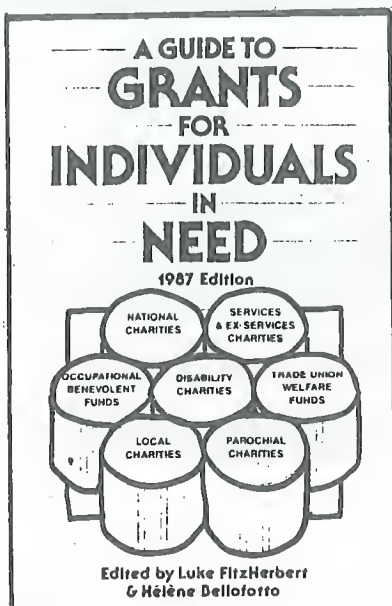
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## GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS for education and social welfare

Two comprehensive directories of charities that make grants to individuals in need for social welfare and educational purposes. Nearly £100 million of grants are available from the charities listed in these books, which will be more relevant than ever following the changes in Social Security legislation coming into effect in April 1988.

### 1. A GUIDE TO GRANT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.

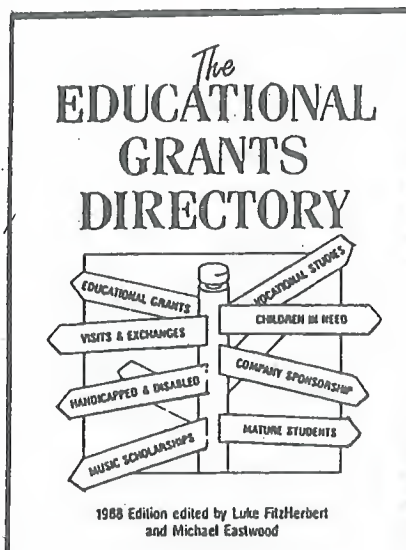
This Guide provides the first comprehensive listing of charitable funds for the relief of individual distress. It gives details on the financial resources and donations policies of over 1,400 such charities, and has uncovered funds totalling nedarly £70,000,000. There are listings of relevant charities from every part of the UK. Many of these local charities are unknown even in their own areas. The guide covers:

- \* 100 national and general charities, giving £17,000,000 a year to individuals in need
- \* 180 occupational charities and trade union benevolent funds, giving £22,000,000 a year.
- \* over 1,000 local and parochial charities, giving between £5,000,000 and £10,000,000 a year.

- \* 40 major ex-services charities giving £14,000,000 a year.
- \* 36 grant-making charities for particular illnesses or disabilities, giving £6,000,000 a year.

This Guide will be invaluable aid for social workers, welfare and advisory agencies, and for individuals seeking to help anyone in need. It is clearly laid out and is comprehensively cross-referenced and indexed. There is practical advice on how to identify those charities which might be able to support a particular case.

A Guide of Grant for Individuals in Need was first published in May 1987, 208 pages A4 format, price £9.95 post free.



### 2. THE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS DIRECTORY

This is the first comprehensive listing of educational charities for children and students in need. As well as national charities, it reveals a hitherto almost unknown network of local educational foundations, many of which are spending only a small part of their incomes. The Directory covers over 1,000 grant sources including:

- \* Charities for children and students in need or distress.
- \* Local educational charities in every part of England and Wales.

- \* Benevolent funds giving educational assistance.
- \* Support for educational trips and exchanges.
- \* Support for students of music and drama, and scholarships for musically talented children.
- \* help for students who are handicapped or disabled.
- \* Help for mature students.
- \* Assistance for students from overseas.

Note that the Directory does not cover awards or scholarships for academic excellence, or for academic research. Nor does it list bursaries etc. that are tied to a single school.

The book will be an invaluable aid for teachers, education welfare officers, social workers, advisory agencies, librarians and anyone seeking financial help for school children or students.

The Director is clearly laid out and is comprehensively cross-referenced and indexed.

The Educational Grants Directory is available from end-March 1988, 224 pages A4 format, price £12.50 post free.

CONTACT: Directory of Social Change, Radius Works, Back Lane, London, NW3 1HL. Tel No: 435 8171

### COVENANTS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE BY Michael Norton.

A completely revised, updated and extended edition of this popular handbook, it includes all changes announced in the 1988 Budget, and the latest advice on how to obtain the tax benefit on already received donations using a covenant or deposited covenant - which is an area where many charities have been experiencing difficulties with the Inland Revenue.

The book explains how covenants work, and includes detailed information on:

- \* Subscription covenants
- \* Deposited covenants
- \* Personal charitable trusts
- \* Personal charitable trusts
- \* Company covenants
- \* Covenants administration and available computer systems.

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## THE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY Programme - Training for Voluntary Organisations.

|                                        |    |      |
|----------------------------------------|----|------|
| Raising Funds                          | 12 | May  |
| Negotiating Skills                     | 19 | May  |
| Completing Proposals                   | 26 | May  |
| Understanding Local Authorities        | 2  | June |
| Understanding the MSC                  | 9  | June |
| Time Management                        | 16 | June |
| Employment Law                         | 23 | June |
| Management Committee                   | 30 | June |
| Telling People about your Organisation | 7  | July |
| Dealing with the Press                 | 14 | July |
| Book keeping and Office Systems        | 21 | July |

Thomas Calton Centre - 10.00am  
to 4.00pm.

CONTACT: GWYN

or

GAIL 639 - 6818

**The  
Industrial  
Society**

### APPLYING TO COMPANIES

A one-day workshop which examines how industry gives, how to identify possible companies to approach, and how to improve your chances of success. It will cover not just cash donations, but gifts in kinds as well as other possible forms of support. The workshop will allow participants to review what they are doing, and think about ways in which they can become more effective in getting support from industry.

25th May 1988, £30.

### PROJECT FULLEMPLOY

Business Course for Women  
3 May - 18 July 1988.

- \* Marketing, Advertising, Selling Costing, Cashflow, Management & Planning.
- \* Find out what computers can do for you.
- \* Increase your confidence.
- \* Write a Business Plan to obtain Loans/Grants.
- \* Get your business off the ground.

FREE TUITION, FREE USE OF MICRO-COMPUTERS, TYPEWRITERS, VIDEOS, LIBRARY AND PHOTOCOPIER.

You will receive a Childcare and Travel Allowance.

- You can still sign on -

The Course runs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday - Friday - 3 May - 18 July

Contact: Julie - 253-7280.

Project Fullemploy

Unit 120

31 Clerkenwell Close

LONDON EC1R 0AT.

### LESBIAN AND GAY WORKING PARTY - PUBLIC MEETINGS

Southwark Council has decided to hold a series of public meetings to give lesbian and gay men in Southwark the opportunity to find out more about the Council's policies and to discuss with Council Members and officers the type of issues that a Working Party should address.

#### PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday 28th April 1988 - 7.00-

9.00pm - Southwark Town Hall

Separate meetings for lesbians and gay men to allow discussion on issues relevant to each group and to consider further the main issues raised at the first meeting. Consideration will also be given to the election and role of the community representatives and the topics for the Sunday workshops.

Sunday 15th May 1988 - 3.00 -

6.00pm - North Peckham Civic Centre

Final meeting to discuss within workshops the main issues affecting lesbians and gay men in Southwark, as raised at the earlier public meeting, and to elect the community representatives to the Working Party.

This meeting will be followed by entertainment arranged by local lesbian and gay groups.

- \* Creche facilities are available for all meetings.
- \* Transport for people with disabilities can be arranged.
- \* Disabled Access available at both venues.

For further information please ring the following:-

Southwark Council - 703-6311 x 2029. Southwark Lesbian Line - 703-3849. Black Lesbian and Gay Centre - 885-3543.

### STOP RACISM: KILL APARTHEID

Southwark Council is organising an Anti-Apartheid week of events in celebration of Nelson Mandela's birthday. The week will start off with an opening ceremony at the Town Hall on 16th June 1988 followed by a half-hour vigil in Lucas Gardens. The week will end with an open air concert on June 26th 1988 at Burgess Park

This is an ideal opportunity for voluntary organisations to show that they do not support apartheid or racism.

There is still time for your group to take part in any of the activities or to plan your own events.

For more information on this please contact Clive Anderson in the Race Equality Unit on 703-0911 x 228.

The next meeting of the Anti-Apartheid Working Party is 26th April 1988, 6.00pm at the Town Hall.

### The London Accreditation Unit's 2nd Conference & Annual General Meeting on Saturday 7th May 1988

from 10.00am until 1.00pm

at The Hall of the Regent Square United Reformed Church, Wakefield Street, WC1 (near Judd Street)

Unpaid Community Workers are often denied access to paid Community Work because employers do not value their skills and knowledge. Experience gained through doing Community Work is not always regarded as highly as paper qualifications. The mobility of Community Workers within or between jobs can also be frustrated by qualification bars on salaries. These problems are particularly experienced by black and working class women and men.

Through the process of Accreditation the L.A.U. seeks to give a greater value to community work experience. The Unit itself wishes to be accountable and therefore welcomes contributions to its development from Community Workers throughout London. The L.A.U.'s Conference and A.G.M.

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# THAMES

will address current issues affecting Accreditation in the U.K.

Contact: London Accreditation Unit, c/o Cyril Cocks, The Community Centre, 112 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex. a.s.a.p.  
**FREE**

## THAMES TELETHON '88

The ITV Telethon '88 will be transmitted live from 7pm Sunday 29th May to 10pm Monday 30th May 1988 and will be shown throughout the United Kingdom. There will be sponsored events, special competitions, zany stunts, as well as opportunities to see favourite stars and highlights of the best of ITV. Numerous personalities and TV star will be giving their time free of charge, not only to perform but also to encourage viewers to phone and pledge money.

The ITV Telethon '88 clearly offers opportunities to tap new sources of finance for charities.

### What is the Thames/LWT Telethon Trust?

Independent Television, though responsible for the programme itself, is not involved in the selection of charities which will ultimately benefit. The administration of monies will be in the hands of an independent body - the Thames/LWT Telethon Trust will be a registered charity - established to assess which schemes are judged most worthy of financial support. The distribution of all monies raised will be at the sole discretion of the Trust.

Projects must be for the benefit of people who live in the Thames/LWT transmission area. However, we do consider requests for the support for holiday schemes outside the area or for those in residential institutions if they benefit families who reside in our region.

All the money raised is paid immediately into the Telethon Trust bank account. The aim is to pay funds out to charities as

soon as possible, so that they can be put to work for the benefit of the community.

Applicants are requested to write in and tell us about projects which they feel need support. Naturally, there are likely to be far more applications than there is money to go round, so there has to be some sort of selection process.

One principle upon which grants will be decided is that the money allocated will be used as soon as possible and will not remain unused in a bank account.

### Advice and Notes for Applicants

Most of our grants will be fairly small (less than £5,000 and often much smaller). The Telethon Trust is prepared to make a few substantial grants to major projects, but in such cases would expect there to be additional financial assistance from other sources. Special consideration will be given to applications from agencies working together. However the Trust recognises the great value of small grants to assist local projects and favours such applications.

### The Trust will not:

- Make any kind of retrospective grant
- Respond to general appeals
- Pay off mortgages, bank loans and deficits
- Provide assistance to individual people

In applying you may like to know that:

- a) We are not just concerned with capital funding, and we know that revenue costs matter. But because the Trust can only make one-off payments, if you want a large new grant, for say a salary please let us know where you hope to get future funding.
- b) We are not merely interested in new schemes, but in improvements and enhancements for existing schemes.
- c) Applications can come from statutory services, but we are concerned to ensure that we do not fund deficits and that we do not provide services or items of

equipment which would normally be publicly funded.

We are particularly keen to hear about:

- schemes which demonstrate effective ways of working that could be adapted elsewhere.
- schemes which show clear evidence of significant local community and voluntary effort
- projects which involve those themselves affected in running the project.

The Trust will consider some larger grants, including the payments of salaries - but not normally for more than one year. But these will be the exception, involving projects which demonstrate innovation and seem likely to secure other funds. Alternatively, grants of as little as £100 will be made. If you are applying for a capital grant for e.g. a vehicle, video or computer equipment, then you must provide detailed evidence of how it will be fully used and how you will cover maintenance costs. Distribution of grants will take place as soon as possible after the broadcast of Telethon '88.

### Priority Areas

The Trustees have agreed FIVE Priority areas:

1. Projects/Schemes for people with Disabilities, and Health Care.
2. Training and Employment Schemes or Projects.
3. Projects or Schemes for Children and Young People.
4. Schemes or Projects for People with Special Needs.
5. Community Projects and Self help Initiatives (for all ages from children to the elderly).

### Criteria for Applicants

1. There is no restriction on the age of those participating in projects/schemes requesting grants.
2. Projects should provide direct benefit to those they are trying to help.
3. The projects/schemes must serve people in London and the South East, i.e. within the

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Thames /LWT Television transmission area.

4. We wish to encourage applications from community groups and other agencies, both public and private especially where these are working together on a particular project
5. Schemes/projects should where possible provide a pattern for development in other areas.
6. Applications for research projects will be regarded as low priority.
7. We want applications which reflect the multi-racial and multi-cultural nature of the Thames/LWT transmission area. Applicants should demonstrate this by giving information about how this is reflected in their work.
8. Priority will be given to non-statutory organisations, but in exceptional circumstances applications from statutory services are eligible for consideration.
9. Grants will not be renewable (though very occasionally they may be payable over more than one year).

Contact:

Joseph Simpson,  
Trust Secretary,  
Thames/LWT Telethon Trust  
149 Tottenham Court Road  
London, W1P 9LL.

from whom further information can be obtained.

## BROMLEY COUNCIL JEOPARDISES FUTURE FOR SOUTHWARK'S MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

The future for motorcycle training in Southwark lies in jeopardy, following a bitter wrangle with Bromley Council over the training centre site.

Southwark Council's training centre has been based at the Crystal Palace site for over 35 years, and the row began when Bromley decided to take over the land to develop its new Crystal Palace Park complex.

The council offered to relocate the centre several hundred yards away, but refused to finance the £45,000 renovation work which needs to be carried out on the site before the new centre can open.

Now the situation has reached a stalemate, with Southwark Council refusing to move unless at least some of these costs are met. Councillors have already rejected Bromley's notice to quit on the grounds that it's illegal to offer only three months notice to a business tenant.

Piers Corbyn, Chair of the Road Safety Consultative Committee, is adamant that they won't leave the site until they get a fair deal. He said, "The building they've offered us is a disused medical centre, complete with operating theatre.

"Obviously a lot of conversion work needs to be carried out before we can begin to use it as a motorcycle training centre. The cost of this work is estimated to be £45,000, and we simply can't afford to move unless Bromley agree to finance at least some of this. It would be an insult to our ratepayers to expect them to foot the bill, and we'll stay put until an acceptable deal is made"

SOUTHWARK'S LIVESLEY MUSEUM is after your shorts!

Whatever part sport has played in your life it could now form an interesting contribution to the museum's major new exhibition on sport being planned for the Autumn.

The exhibition will look at the history of sport in Southwark from boxing to bear-baiting and from athletics to American football.

The museum would like to hear from you. If you have any sporting memorabilia hidden away e.g. medals, photographs, or even your old kit, the Livesley wants to hear from you. They want to know the stories behind your greatest triumphs so please get in touch before taking items in.

Contact: 639-5604 or call in at the museum at 682 Old Kent Road, SE15. It's open Monday to Saturday, 10am - 5pm.

## SOUTHWARK SLAMS L.D.O.C. DOUBLE STANDARDS ON ADJOINING SITES

Southwark Council has accused the L.D.O.C. of gross inconsistency and unreasonableness in relation to development schemes proposed on the Bermondsey riverside overlooking Tower Bridge.

The proposed 13 storey development by the Jacob's Island Company for luxury flats, dubbed by Southwark as 'Yuppies' Tower involves the wholesale demolition of a conservation area and destroys historic views along the riverside, yet is being recommended for approval. However, the Council's application to develop its adjoining smaller five storey Odessa Wharf site for residential use, is being recommended for refusal.

These two applications are due to be presented to the L.O.O.C. Planning Committee on 15 March 1988. Southwark is expecting a big turnout from local community groups who object to the Jacob's Island scheme and support the Council's Odessa Wharf proposal.

The important issue is use of land along this part of the Bermondsey riverfront. The L.O.O.C. has granted permission after permission for development of river front sites for residential use. Only now has the L.O.O.C. stated publicly that Odessa Wharf should be retained as public open space. It argues that the Council's application goes against the L.O.O.C.'s strategy for the development of Bermondsey Wall West riverside a strategy that was endorsed by the Corporation in private without the benefit of consultation with the Council, the local community and land owners.

The Jacob's Island scheme which involves, amongst other things, development of a riverside site for housing is considered acceptable by the officers of the L.O.O.C.

Their report states that there are no policy objections to the proposal. However the L.D.O.C. is unhappy with the Council's application which retains public access to the riverfront and maintains views of Tower Bridge.





## PUBLICATIONS Continued:-

It includes a selection of model documents for use by charities - in fact, everything you need to know to make full use of the tax advantages on charitable giving.

### A GUIDE TO THE BENEFITS OF CHARITABLE STATUS

by Michael Norton

This second edition published in February provides comprehensive and detailed information on all the important tax reliefs and other benefits that are available to charities. It gives practical advice, as well as a full explanation of the legal background and often complex conditions for eligibility for particular benefits. It highlights the 'difficult' areas where the law is not clear, and gives guidance on dealing with the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise.

It covers the following topics:

- \* Donations and legacies
- \* Collecting from the public
- \* Grants from trusts, companies and government
- \* Lotteries, gaming and competitions
- \* Charity trading and charity shops
- \* Investment of charity funds
- \* Remuneration of volunteers
- \* Rate reliefs and rebates
- \* Value added Tax and how it affects charities.

It also contains information on the requirements to register as a charity, on the political and campaigning activity by charities and on the sale of alcohol on charity premises.

### RESEARCH LOCAL CHARITIES

A practical guide to making better use of local charitable resources

Information on local charities is not often readily available, and can be hard to obtain. Yet a certain amount of patient research can unearth invaluable information on small and occasionally quite substantial charitable funds in your area which are little known about, often underspent, and which could benefit your particular charitable need.

The book is divided into four parts:

1. **Local charities.** What they are and what information you need to know about them.
2. **Sources of information** on charities including the Charity Commission Index and other sources including local authorities, Churches and other denominational bodies. How to use this information to identify local charities in your area.
3. **Building a charity profile.** Getting hold of charity accounts, using files on Charity Commission Register, local enquiries. What questions to ask, and what you can do if you can't or don't get the information you are seeking.
3. **Producing a finished profile.** Publishing the information. Longer-term follow up.

This important book will be of interest to anyone seeking to obtain or provide better information on local charities.

Contact: **Directory of Social Change, Radius Works, Back Lane, London, NW3 1HL.**

## Wanted

ARE THERE ANY ORGANISATIONS PRESENTLY UPDATING/GRADING THEIR OLD COMPUTERS, AND WOULD CONSIDER SELLING THEM AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

I AM LOOKING FOR THE EQUIVALENT TO AN AMSTRAD PC1512 512K bytes of main memory.

Standard 5 and a quarter disc drive(s)

20 megabyte hard disc version (possibly)

80 column display with colour graphics (or mono)

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Double disk entry

I am looking for a computer with all/some of the above, a word processor and a printer.

If you have anything which is similar, please call me at work.

LONGSTOP - Tel No:- 690-1017/8.

The person to ask for is Sharon Bell.

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## offer

### FREE TYPEWRITERS

Groups can now get free typewriters through an Amstrad deal.

This is due to an Amstrad offer that anyone buying one of their new computers can have £50 off if they trade in some sort of typewriter.

As a result, many Amstrad dealers have spare typewriters.

They would like to offer those in working order to charities.

Amstrad and Business in the Community have worked out a deal whereby CVS, action resource centres and enterprise agencies will benefit from the scheme. CVS who are interested in acquiring typewriters for their own use or for distribution to other organisations should contact their local Amstrad dealer.

It is up to the dealers to decide whether to participate in the scheme, but Amstrad has been in touch with its dealers to encourage their participation.

The SCVS Administrators are willing to order typewriters for groups (via our Amstrad dealer) if groups wish. We have already ordered 10 for various groups that have requested them, and we will let any groups know if they have any more.

Ring EVE or BARBARA at SCVS



- have now moved to:-

Thomas Calton Centre,  
Alpha Street,  
Peckham, London,  
SE15 4NX.

Tel No:- 732-4656.

The best time to drop in to see us is Thursdays between 1pm & 3pm during term time, but appointments for other times can be made. Leave a message on our freindly ansaphone if there is no one in the office. Our office is on B. Staircase or ask in reception.

Thomas Calton centre has a creche

SIGNING ON CAMPAIGN



### TRAINING FOR CHARITIES

Organised by the  
Directory of Social Change  
April-July 1988.

#### GETTING INTO PRINT

A practical workshop on how to improve the appearance of your publications and save money on your print bill.

10th May 1988, £25.

#### BASIC FUND-RAISING

This is a regular seminar, run as an introduction to fund-raising for those new to this work, as a refresher for those looking for new ideas, and for those wanting to sit back and think about what they should be doing. The seminar will provide basic information and advice, and encourage the exchange of information amongst participants.

The seminar will cover the following:

- \* Understand the value of your work and why donors will want to support you.
- \* Developing a basic fund-raising strategy.
- \* The main sources of money available.
- \* Raising money locally and in your community.
- \* Writing applications that work

The seminar is being run on the following three dates:  
12th and 13th May, £50.  
14th and 15th June, £50.  
7th and 8th July, £50.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT

This seminar will examine the opportunities and possible difficulties that face voluntary organisations when working with local authorities. It will cover getting and keeping grant support any contractual requirements of the grant, working as a contractor or in partnership with the local authority, and acceptable methods of lobbying and persuasion. It will be useful for any organisation already in receipt of, or thinking of applying for, local authority grant support.

17th May 1988, £25.

### PLANNING AND EVALUATION

The art of success is to plan carefully what you want to do, set yourself achievable objectives and keep track of progress and achievements. Evaluation is not only an important management tool, but many funding bodies now look for evidence of proper evaluation when deciding grants.

This two day workshop will allow participants to explore the processes of planning (day 1) and evaluation (day 2) and relate them to the needs of their own organisations.

9th and 10th June 1988, £50.

#### CHARITIES AND BROADCASTING

An important one-day conference examining the potential to raise money and other support from the broadcast media. Detailed programme available on request.

21st June 1988, £30.

#### THE CHARITIES FORUM

A regular one-day Summer conference for charities organised jointly by the Charities Aid Foundation. Detailed programme available on request.

27th June 1988, £35.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING LISTS

A one-day workshop for those with membership lists or who are seeking to develop their membership base. It will cover keeping membership records, maximising the support from your membership, ways of finding and getting new members, and the basic economics of direct mail and insert campaigns. It will be of interest to anyone wanting to extend the financial base of their organisation.

1st July 1988, £25.

#### PRESENTATION SKILLS

In a busy world it is important to be able to get your message across quickly and effectively. This lively one-day workshop aims to develop skills in the written and personal presentation of your cause. Topics include knowing and communicating with your audience, creating the right impression, how to get your message across with brevity and clarity

and interview skills on radio and TV. The workshop is led by Sheila McLeod, an experienced personal development consultant with a major international company, who has also pioneered for them a highly successful voluntary sector management course.

7th June 1988, £25.

### ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This two-day workshop aims to give an understanding of how the accounts work, and show how to use financial information for the better management of the organisation. It will cover management accounts, budgeting, forward planning and the audit, as well as explaining the basic accounting procedures. It is aimed at those responsible for financial management and planning and particularly for the smaller organisation.

19th and 20th July, £50.

#### APPLICATIONS WORKSHOP

This day will give participants the opportunity to discuss, improve and re-write, if necessary, their applications and appeal letters. There will also be a 'surgery' where individual problems can be discussed.

21st July 1988, £25.

For further information, contact the Directory of Social Change, Radius Works, Back Lane, London, NW3 1HL.

Tel No:- 01-435-8171.

#### APPLYING TO TRUSTS

A one-day workshop specially designed for those looking for money from trusts. The aim is to examine in detail how trusts can and do provide support, how to approach the task of raising money from trusts, how to approach them, and how to write a successful application. The workshop will allow participants to share their experiences, review what they are doing and see how they might direct their efforts more effectively.

18th May 1988, £30.

12th June 1988, £30.



SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

135 RYE LANE,  
PECKHAM,  
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SE15.  
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## COMMUNITY CHARGE AND IT'S EFFECT ON LONDON

### COMMUNITY CHARGE AND IT'S EFFECTS ON LONDON

The changes to the rating system will have a profound effect on London's communities and voluntary groups. The impact will be hardest on young people, the elderly, large households, the unemployed and those on low incomes and people living in inner city areas. Amongst the organisations most heavily affected will be:

- \* advice giving agencies
- \* youth services
- \* organisations running hostels
- \* organisations using residential workers and/or volunteers
- \* institutions providing residential care

### THE TIMING

The present rates system for England and Wales will be replaced by Community Charge from 1st April 1990. However, the change will be gradually introduced for Inner London boroughs and Waltham Forest. In these high spending boroughs there will be a transitional period between 1990/91 and 1994/5; in the first year residents in these boroughs will pay £100 per adult as poll tax and a proportion of rates. In 1994/5 they will pay the full poll tax and no rates.

### THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE

There will be three kinds of Community Charge and a single business rates system.

- a) **PERSONAL COMMUNITY CHARGE (PCC).** All adults over the age of eighteen will be required to register and pay the community charge. Failure to do so will lead to a fine of between £50 and £200.
- b) **COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY CHARGE (CCC)** will be levied against some forms of accommodation where either on administrative grounds or for security reasons it is impractical to tax people individually. In this category will be some hostels, women's refuges, half-way houses and some houses in multiple occupation. In these types of accommodation one person connected with the premises will be assigned with the task of collecting the charge from individuals and paying it to the local authority. This person will receive 5% of the total charge as administrative costs.
- c) **STANDARD COMMUNITY CHARGE (SCC)** will apply to second homes, holiday lets etc. The Amount will vary in each case between zero and twice the PCC.

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#### d) NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES (NNDR), also known as the Unified Business Rate (UBR).

Businesses will pay a nationally fixed rate. Contributions will be made to a national pool which will then be distributed among local authorities on the basis of a demographically weighted average.

City of London is exempt from the change to business rates. Transitional arrangements previously announced by the government still hold.

## EXEMPTIONS

Certain people are exempt from paying any form of community charge. These are:

- Convicted persons serving a prison sentence;
- Those with diplomatic status; members of a visiting force;
- Severely mentally handicapped people;
- Patients whose sole or main residence is in a hospital;
- Those whose sole or main residence is in a residential home.

## GENERAL IMPACT

Community charge will have the most marked effect on the high-spending/high need authorities of London and the north and will limit their spending power.

Larger households will be worse affected as each adult member will be liable to pay an individual charge. For the first time many young people and the elderly will have to pay a local tax. Women will also be affected as many who are married will have to pay the charge and could be liable for their spouse's contribution. Taking Lewisham as an example, where the average rates bill in 1987/8 is £684 per year, families will have to pay the following community charge bills:

The Labour Force Survey of 1985 (HMSO) reveals that 31% of white people live in metropolitan areas while the equivalent proportion for non-white groups is 68%. The proportions are even higher for West Indians (80%), Bangladeshis (75%) and Pakistanis (71%).

## RATE / RELIEF

Rebates for the majority of charitable organisations will remain the same (ie. 50% rebate from central government and a discretionary 50% from the local authority).

People whose incomes are low will have to pay the full community charge and will only be able to claim 80% rebate after they have paid it. The Department of the Environment argues that in cases of low income the remaining portion of the charge will be recoverable through the new income support system. However, the addition to income support to cover the extra 20% will be based on the average national rate, which will fall short by several pounds a week of the amount necessary to compensate London claimants. There is no guarantee that the element of relief will be reviewed regularly to take account of inflation and variations in community charge.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Implementation of the Poll Tax will require the introduction of vast sums of computer hardware and software and stricter measures to collect and administer the tax. Precise figures for the likely costs involved in the switch over are not yet available but informed estimates put the costs enormously high.

The strain would fall particularly on Black and Migrant communities because of the high proportion of extended families living in the same house, of low incomes and of unemployment in these communities. Surveys have shown that the unemployment rate in 1985 was 21% for Afro-Caribbeans, 31% for Pakistanis/Bangladeshis and 10% for white people.

According to a Policy Studies Institute Survey (1984) 22% of Asians and 17% of West Indians live in households with more than three adults compared with only 6% of whites.

Furthermore, Black and Migrant families live predominantly in the inner city areas where the impact of the community charge will be hardest.

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| 1 | Adult Family | 676  |
| 2 | Adult Family | 1352 |
| 3 | Adult Family | 2028 |
| 4 | Adult Family | 2704 |

Since the bill will go down each time a person over 18 leaves the household many young and elderly people are likely to be encouraged to leave their family homes resulting in a significant increase in homelessness in the capital.

In the bill the Government have allocated £160m to £200m to cover the costs countrywide. Authorities may have to transfer resources away from other areas of their budget in order to cover the full costs.

In the present financial climate, further limitation of local authority resources will have a direct impact on voluntary sector grant aid.

#### CONCERNS OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

1. Increased Demand for Voluntary Services. There will be increased demands on the voluntary sector because of the lack of knowledge about the new system and the inability of people on low income, young people and the elderly to pay the charge. In the current climate of declining funds for the sector it appears that this pressure will be severe.

Advice Centres and support services will take the brunt of these demands as people struggle to get to grips with the new situation. Meanwhile, the centres themselves will be affected by cuts in funding and a certain amount of reorganisation as a result of changes in Legal Aid funding.

2. Residential Workers. Everyone working in a residential setting must pay the Personal Community Charge. As an example, the Jewish Blind Society (a medium sized charity) are expected to lose more than £26,000 per year by paying the PCC for their employees.

Religious orders have been informed by the DoE that they will be treated as an exception. However, to date this has not been included in the bill and criteria for identifying a religious place of worship have not been established.

3. Hostels. People whose sole or main residence is in a hostel must pay a collective community charge. There are a number of problems with this.

a) Many hostels run by voluntary organisations in the capital accommodate people on low incomes who will have difficulty in claiming rebates, let alone paying the tax. To avoid disruption to their services some hostels might choose to pay the amount for their residents. For example, it is estimated that in order to keep their beds free the Salvation Army will have to pay around £32,000 in community charge.

There are a number of problems

b) Groups running the hostels will be required to collect the CCC. They will be entitled to keep 5% as administrative costs and pay the rest to their respective local authorities. In some hostels this could seriously undermine the mutual trust that exists between the residents and the hostel administration and raise questions of confidentiality.

c) There are restrictions facing hostels imposed by the way the CCC is calculated. An occupancy rate is worked out by the Registration Officer in three monthly intervals, this multiplied by the PCC and the hostel is obliged to pay the sum regardless of whether the forecast occupancy rate has actually been kept. Obviously, this puts hostels under significant financial and administrative pressure.



(In Scotland, where a separate community charge legislation will commence implementing in April 1989 hostels registered as charities will have to pay the CCC rather than the NNOR. The situation for England and Wales is not clear yet).

4. **Care Establishments.** Residents will be exempt, although the establishments themselves will be subject to NNOR. Charities will be able to claim at least 50% mandatory relief, and there are demands that a 100% relief be introduced.

Although full details are not yet known, this may result in savings for residents, and may therefore result in an increase of pressure for people to go into institutional care. Obviously this would run counter to community care principles.

5. **Confidentiality.** The Secretary of State has proposed that the register of records be accessible for public inspection. The government have announced that the "name of any individual who satisfies them that he or she may suffer physical injury if his or her name is listed" will not appear in the published version of the register.

6. The government intend to have the power to set the limits on community charge. Decisions could be in the middle of financial year. This could affect funding to the voluntary sector.

## SOUTHWARK INNER AREA PROGRAMME

Consultation for the Inner Area Programme 1989/90 is going to be as ineffective for the voluntary sector as the consultation was for 1988/89.

The first meeting will be an open meeting in the Town hall on Thursday June 23rd at 7pm. This

meeting will be followed by three consultation sessions throughout the summer when organisations are probably most understaffed with holiday leave and stretched with summer activities.

Good economic capital schemes are requested by the OOE for 1989/90. They are in favour of capital over revenue funding. The DOE are looking for a 'clearer view of economic and housing objectives in Southwark's programmes. TOGETHER WITH!!!! AN ACCOUNT OF CONSULTATION PROCESSES CARRIED OUT WITH THE VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE SECTORS

Obviously Southwark feels that consultation beginning in June for September is adequate. Perhaps those organisations in the voluntary sector who need longer and more effective consultation would like to contact me at SCVS.

Nuala Conlan.  
Community Support Worker.

## INFORMATION

## HELP THE AGED

### PROJECT FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT

Help the Aged has been providing a supporting role to voluntary groups working to help the elderly. Recently, they have launched the Project Fundraising Department to give a more comprehensive service to organisations in this field.

They offer a combined planning management, and fundraising service at around a third of the price charged by commercial consultants. Their fee is built into the fundraising target they're helping you to achieve. So their services are self-financing.

Help the Aged's professional fundraising consultants have raised more than £12 million for projects ranging from small day centre extensions to complete hospices.

Contact: Graham Chamberlain, Head of Project Fundraising, Help the Aged, St. James's Walk, London, EC1R 0BE. Tel: 253-0253.

# TUNSTALL TELECOM

## TUNSTALL TELECOM

Each year, Tunstall Telecom rewards exceptional individuals and organisations for their outstanding service to the

care and well being of elderly people or those with disabilities. Organisations throughout the country are being asked to nominate individuals who deserve recognition for their remarkable care and devotion to elderly or disabled people.

The winner will receive a holiday of their choice to the value of £1000.

As a member of an organisation caring for elderly or disabled people, you could be eligible to apply for the Tunstall telecom organisation Caring Award.

Tell us about your plan or project that would make the lives of the people you care for more enjoyable and fulfilling.

The prize is a cheque for £5,000 to fund the project of your choice. As well as the cash prize, Tunstall telecom will also help with advice to put your plan into action.

The Awards are split into two categories - Individual and Organisation. The Individual Award winner will receive a holiday of his or her choice. All finalists will receive an engraved cut-glass rose bowl and everyone nominated will be given an inscribed certificate. The Organisation Award winner will receive a prize of a cheque for £5,000 to be spent on a nominated project which aims to make the lives of those being cared for more enjoyable and fulfilling.

The Individual Award is designed to reward someone whom you perhaps know who shows remarkable care and devotion to elderly or disabled persons and we ask you to submit nominations for your particular hero or heroine who, either voluntarily or professionally, has given outstanding service to the care and well-being of elderly or disabled persons.

The Organisation Award is presented to a group of people caring for elderly or disabled persons who have a plan or project that they would love to undertake, a project that would make the lives of the

people they care for more enjoyable and fulfilling. the scope for applications under this category is intentionally wide ranging and is only limited by the extent of the organisation

group's imagination. e.g. applications can be made in respect of exciting trips of interest, creative pursuits, provision of special facilities, transport etc.

Tunstall Telecom would like to make this year's Awards the most successful ever and ask that you pass the details on to your colleagues so that they, too, can make a nomination in respect of the Individual Award or submit an application for the Organisation Award. Please note that the closing date for receipt of nominations and applications is the 30th September 1988.

Contact: Tunstall Telecom Ltd, Whiteley Lodge, Whiteley Bridge, Yorkshire, ON14 0HR.

Informal telephone enquiries can be made to the Centre for Voluntary Organisation - 405-7686 Ext 2960.

## MSC COURSE

### CENTRE FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION M.Sc. FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The M.Sc. course will deal with problems and issues arising in the organisation and management of voluntary agencies including accountability; relationships with central and local government; self-help and service provision, volunteering; governing bodies; links between headquarters and local groups; the impact of funding; organisational change and growth; and inter-agency collaboration.

Students will be able to study full-time for 9 months or part-time for 21 months. Every effort will be made to ensure that part-timers will be able to fulfill the course requirements by attending at the LSE on one day only per week.

Applicant should normally be graduates who also have experience of working in or with the voluntary sector. Mature applicants who are not graduates but have equivalent qualifications and experience will also be considered.

# EVENTS

## J.E.T.S.



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**J.O.B.S. E.D.U.C.A.T.I.O.N. T.R.A.I.N.I.N.G. I.N. S.O.U.T.H.W.A.R.K**

5 - 7 July

**PECKHAM LEISURE CENTRE  
HANOVER SQUARE, McKERRELL ROAD  
SE15.**

Come along for information on Jobs, Education and Training in Southwark.

Try out new skills - There will be carpentry, computer, photography, silkscreen printing workshops and lots more - Creche provided.

**WOMEN ONLY DAY - Wednesday July 6th.**

Transport provided if needed. Wheelchair access.

Open 10.00 am - 6.00pm.

Open to all ages over 16.

For further info, contact: - 732-35;16

732-3516.



**BLACK ELDERLY GROUP SOUTHWARK  
SUMMER BAZAAR  
TO BE HELD AT  
ELIM HOUSE  
86 BELLENDEN ROAD  
PECKHAM SE15**

ON

**SATURDAY 2ND JULY 1988**

FROM 11a.m. - 6p.m.

craft work, needlework, crockery, soft toys, plants, raffle, bingo.

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**BUSES: 12, 36, 36B, 171, P3, 37, 78, 63.**

**COME AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE.**



# NEWS NEWS NEWS

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**RADIO NEWS** - Women needed South-wark Unemployed Youth Project and Horizon are presenting a six week course on radio techniques from programme making to O-Jaying. This course is particularly aimed at women.

For more info. contact:  
Kirk - 358-0304/Peter-701-9010.

Ladies do you want to play street hockey, do weight-lifting or learn dance? Then contact:- Club of Dance & Self Defence at Paragon School, Searles Road, SE1. Tel No:- 703-3380. Many more activities are offered and they do provide a creche.

## NEW IMAGES

have produced an excellent action pack for people working with girls and young women. For more info- contact them at 68b Old Kent Road, SE1. Tel No: 703-0674.

## TRUSTS

### NCVO NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK FUND 1988

Calling all local community and voluntary groups in England!

Are you a self-help group or a group run by local people?

Are you interested in promoting better working relationships in your community or region?

Would a one-off grant of up to £1,500 help you to do this?

Are you working towards combatting disadvantage and discrimination?

Is your total income under £30,000 this year?

IF THE ANSWER TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, then contact:- Local Development Unit, National Council for voluntary organisations, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU. Tel No:- 636-4066

## W.U.S.C. PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR WOMEN  
Work on your family album..... follow your own ideas, interests or work with other women. Beginners welcome.

### GRANTS FOR UNDER FIVES

The National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations can award small capital grants of up to £1000 to local projects from the OHSS Small Grants Scheme. Members of Gingerbread, Playmatters, National Child-minding Association, pre-School Playgroups Association who are also involved in the scheme should apply directly to their own organisations. Get bids in early:

Contact: Sarah Williams, Child Care, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE. Tel No: 833-3319.

### CHARITY PROJECTS

has a particular, though not exclusive, interest in homelessness, drug misuse, alcohol misuse and disability. If you work with young people between the ages of 16-25 who face these or related problems, Charity Projects may help. Charity Projects has 2 broad categories of grants:-

a) Grants up to £5,000 for projects anywhere in the UK.

Particular targets are those small groups who lack the administrative capacity to raise sufficient funds.

b) On occasion, large grants not normally in excess of £50,000 will be considered.

Charity Projects wants to encourage: Projects which provide direct services at a community level; Groups which are tackling problems in new ways; Groups which are trying to develop their existing services; Particular pieces of work which prepare the ground for new, secure funding.

while larger sums are collected For an application form write to:- The Grants Director, Charity Projects, 21 D'Arbury Street, London, W1V 3FN. Tel: 434-1248.

TUESDAYS, 1.30p.m - 3.30 p.m.  
A beginners' class on using cameras and basic darkroom skills. No equipment needed.

ALL WOMEN ARE VERY WELCOME. CRECHE PROVIDED.  
The class is held THURSDAYS 10a.m to 1p.m. A 'Monochrome' class.

### THE OUTLANDS TRUST

This Trust, funded by the Police rock band, gives small grants to community groups of young people, (principally in urban areas), to promote music, the making of it and its performance. Over 5 years the Trust which meets twice a year has given some £60,000 to a wide range of schemes.

Any interested group of young people should apply to the Administrator, Outlands Trust, c/o 3 Deans Yard, London, SW1A 0AA.

### OETAF - THE DISABLED PEOPLE'S EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ACTION FUND

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations Employment Unit has received funds from a Charitable Trust in order to enable it to make small grants to encourage and support local action. It is particularly interested in newly emergent groups of people with disabilities, with a view to the promotion of employment and training opportunities for disabled people by disabled people. Further information can be obtained by contacting NCVO - 636-4066.

### NEW HORIZONS TRUST

The New Horizons Trust is a registered charity offering cash grants to any group coming forward with a good idea that will benefit the community.

However, certain conditions apply:

1. There must be at least 10 people in the group.
2. At least half of them must be aged 60 or over.
3. The project is a new one that uses the knowledge and experience of the group members to benefit the community.

For further information contact: New Horizons Trust, Premier House, 10 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB. Tel: 222 8866.

CONTACT: Willowbrook Urban Studies Centre - 48 Willowbrook Road, Peckham, SE15. Tel No:- 732-8856/7.





# SOUTHWARK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY GROUP A P P E A L

## SOUTHWARK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY GROUP

### \* E M E R G E N C Y \*

#### ERGUN ATMA UCANER APPEAL

The Southwark Cypriot Community Group has launched an Appeal on behalf of Ergun who needs a vital operation to his spine in order to live.

As a result of an accident on the 15th December 1987, he has suffered a traumatic spinal injury and he has been completely paralysed since then.

Currently, he is completely helpless and 100% dependant.

He has a family in Cyprus; two young daughters and a wife who are waiting for his return after his successful treatment in the UK. However, he is not receiving any treatment at present as a result, he is awaiting a certain and painful death.

His family's last hope is this Appeal. The target of the Appeal is £35,000. £8,000 is needed for the vital treatment to commence.

**PLEASE HELP US TO HELP ERGUN AND HIS FAMILY. HELP US TO SAVE A LIFE AND TO SAVE A FAMILY.**

We write to you with the hope that you will be able to make a donation to this Appeal. Please do not let us down. Give us as much as you can. Apart from working at Famagusta Harbour, where the accident took place, Ergun is also a Freelance Journalist and was progressing very well. For further information regarding the Appeal, please ring our Appeal Coordinator, Hasan Vahib on 274-4944.

Please make cheques payable to S.C.C.G's 'Ergun Appeal' and send them to: 135 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15.

## BRIDGES

### B R I O G E S

A Directory of African, Caribbean Asian, Latin American & Mediterranean Community Groups in Greater London.

BRIDGES, the first Directory of its kind, can help you.

It describes more than 800 voluntary groups working with people from the African, Caribbean, Asian, Latin American and Mediterranean communities.

They are listed, borough by borough, with groups operating throughout Greater London given separately. Each group is also listed according to its own ethnic or religious community served.

Each entry includes name, address, telephone number, description, and a set of coded numbers representing a wide range of services provided including arts, childcare, education, housing, recreation, training, welfare rights, women and young people.

It also includes a comprehensive, useful address list of London wide and national organisations.

Please send orders to CENTRAL SERVICES, LVSC, 68 CHALTON STREET NW1 1JR.

Price per copy including postage and packing:

Groups listed in BRIDGES £1.50  
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Statutory/municipal agencies £7.00.

## CONFERENCE

### CVS-NA

#### CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

28th/29th JUNE 1988.

(Attend 1 day or come to both)  
OWEN'S PARK, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Full disabled access to venue.  
Free Creche. Women only.

- Building up confidence
- Sharing skills and ideas
- Widening your experience
- Forming a network.

Open to all women in CVS's  
- Executive members, Staff and volunteers.

For further information: Beth Logan - Bradford CVS - 19-25 Sunbridge Road, Bradford, BD1 2AY. Tel No:- 00274-722772.

### FINANCIAL & BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES

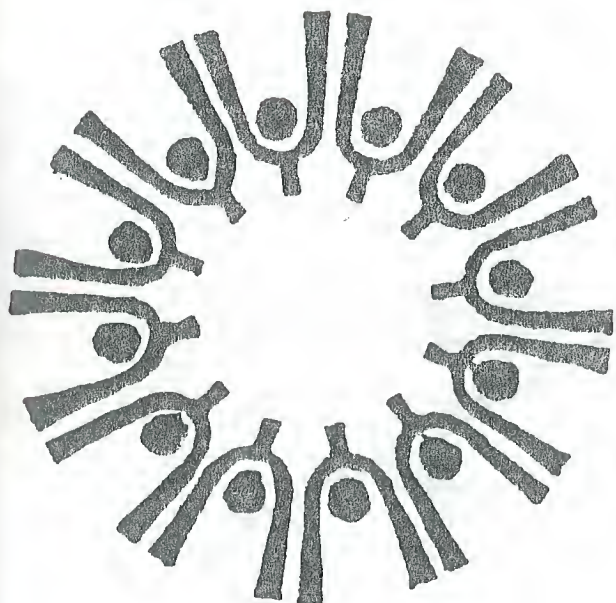
With the recent cuts affecting virtually everyone the need to have good financial skills within any project has become essential rather than desirable.

With this in mind BUS will offer an inclusive bookkeeping and financial services which will include:

1. Books written up, reconciled with the bank statement and totalled off for the audit.
2. Cheques written and paid in.
3. Quarterly financial statements prepared for management and/or staff.
4. Wages paid, Inland Revenue returns prepared.
5. Books and evidence prepared for the auditor.

All work will be carried out within projects by an experienced book-keeper. If you are in-

terested in discussing your financial and book-keeping needs or temporary cover contact: Trefor Lloyd - Financial & Book-keeping Services, 320 Commercial Way, SE15 1QN. Tel No:- 732-9409.



# **SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

## **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1988 ISSUE**





Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

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# REPORT FROM THE SCD FORUM REPRESENTATIVE ON THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR REVIEW TEAM (VSRT)

As you are all now aware...the London Borough of Southwark is undertaking a review of all Voluntary Sector Groups who are in receipt of grant aid.

This letter is an attempt to try to let you know what role the Voluntary Sector reps are playing.

There are three tasks - (A) Monitoring, (b) Principles and Process of Decision Making and (c) Position Statement and Development of Strategic Objectives.

## TASK (A) MONITORING

So far the work has been to try to find out what information groups are in a position to supply about themselves (You will have received a form entitled '**Part II - Service Specific Themes**' which had bits for you to tick, space for you to add bits, and this had to be returned by **8th July**). My thanks to those of you who phoned with queries, comments and for returning the form

Using your comments and completed forms the VSRT were then able to construct a new form which incorporated the information received, this you should receive or be receiving by **25th July 1988**. (If you do not, please let me, any of the other voluntary sector reps. or **David Mearns** the Chair of VSRT know very quickly). This form, from now on, will be used across all grant giving Council Committees (except those funded by CA) as part of the continuing Review process. Again if you have any comments etc. please let me have them, the time scale which had been set by Members is such that I cannot wait for the regular Forum meetings to consult but a message can always be got to me via the phone numbers.

The Vol. Sector reps. have managed to get the time table extended by a couple of weeks.

## TIME SCALE

- i Groups to receive Part I and Part II forms by **25th July**. (you have already had Part I '**Core Themes**').
- ii Groups to return Part I and Part II forms by **19th August**.
- iii Monitoring Officer (if you have one) to complete Part III form and send a copy to Groups by **7th September**.

iv Groups to send any comments, on Part III form by **16th September**.

v VSRT to prepare a covering report on the process and get to Committees with all the Monitoring forms (Part I, II and III).

vi All information to be fed into the Autumn Council Committee cycle.

## TASK (B) PRINCIPLES AND PROCESS OF DECISION MAKING

To prepare a report which comprises:-

Statement of 1989/90 budget process and timetable.

Description of different approaches/methods of determining 1989/90 budget.

This report will be sent to Chief Officers and the Voluntary Sector for comment between **26th August** and **7th September** (dates are approximate).

The Officers and the Voluntary Reps. have been and continue to work jointly on all selections. The source material for this work comes from many places and all members of VSRT work on it, certain members are then delegated to collate and condense the information.

For example - using information already collected by the Forum on the funding of Black/Ethnic Minority groups a member of VSRT was delegated to collate and condense this information.

There is a vast amount of information already to hand for TASK B and an Officer and a voluntary Sector rep have been given the job of collating and condensing.

## TASK (C) POSITION STATEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

To prepare a report which comprises:-

Position statement, categorisations and analytic comments.

Policy/funding changes by Committee since 1982.

Changes in social trends and identification of unmet needs.

Analysis of existing Council policy/strategy. Suggested priorities for future funding.



## REPORT (VSRT) Cont/d.

As in TASK B THE Officers and the Voluntary Sector reps. have jointly gathered material and an officer and a Vol. Sector rep. will collate and condense and draft this report, which will then be discussed and agreed by the whole team. This report will then also be sent to the Voluntary sector and Chief Officers for comments.

I hope that this makes the process a little clearer and you can see how important it is that you send your comments, please send your comments to members of the VSRT.

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

KITTY LEEK - SCVS Cuts Group - 639-1823.  
JEANNE MYNETT - FORWARD PLANNING GROUP - 703-9189.  
JOEL O'LOUGHLIN - BLACK COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM - 703-6311.  
CHRIS RICHARDS - SCD FORUM - 639-3823.

## OFFICERS

DOUGH ADAMS - ACTING DEPARTMENTAL LEAD OFFICER.  
MIKE CANTOR - PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.  
PAUL CHENNEL - DISABILITIES OFFICER.  
DA CHOONG - WOMENS EQUALITY UNIT.  
DAVID MEARN - TOWN CLERKS DEPARTMENT (CHAIR - VSRT).  
JONES SARKODIEH - PRINCIPAL GRANTS CO-ORDINATOR.  
VED SARPAL - RACE EQUALITY UNIT.

I should be able to give a fuller report to the Forum at the meeting in September.

CHRIS RICHARDS

### ABOLITION OF ILEA

Voluntary Organisations are advised to make their voices heard by writing to the Chair of the Education Sub committee, John McTernan.

If you let him know what the abolition of ILEA means to your organisation then you will be in a better position to fight and keep the services which your users need. Voluntary Groups will be consulted when a draft plan is devised. It is therefore important for the voluntary sector to ensure all aspects of its provision are included in this draft. Only you, the voluntary sector workers can say exactly what the loss of ILEA will mean. Be sure your voice is heard.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### FORUM TRAINING GROUP

The training sub-group of the Community Development Forum has become more active again in Southwark.

We recently held a Fundraising Training Day and an Equal Opportunities Training Day for members of the Voluntary Sector.

These were advertised in SCVS mail out and the Community Development Forum mail out. These days were not particularly well attended, however this did not stop those actually taking part getting a lot from the training and enjoying themselves.

We have now looked at our training programme and budget for the coming year. We have designated certain areas for training in the voluntary sector, the most important of these being management committee training and fundraising. Our programme at present is tentatively:-

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| TIME MANAGEMENT           | Sept '88 (2 days)            |
| MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE      | Oct & Feb (4 evenings)       |
| TEAM WORK                 | 17/18 November               |
| MENTAL HEALTH             | Dec (Date to be confirmed)   |
| PROBLEM SOLVING           | March 14/15                  |
| PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR WOMEN | March (Date to be confirmed) |

Other training will include approaches to fundraising but no dates are settled as yet. These will be in the Spring programme.

Certain training will be specifically designated for the Black Community.

There is also a small amount of funds available for consultancy purposes from the Community Development unit of the council. This is particularly useful for small and underfunded groups, but all groups can apply.

Training is an area that can be neglected in the overall demanding climate in the voluntary sector. Trainers are expensive to hire so please do make the effort to avail of the free training on offer. It is one area where a service is actually provided for the voluntary sector.

We are interested to hear what other types of training you require.

Please contact me if you have any ideas.

NUALA CONLAN  
SCVS - 732-3731.

# TELEPHONE LINK-UP WITH CHARITY

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## NATIONAL LAUNCH OF NEW TELEPHONE INITIATIVE

**CONTACT A FAMILY**, a national charity for families whose children have different disabilities or special needs, launches its new nationally available telephone link-up service.

National Westminster Bank, who have funded Contact a Family for several years, are pleased to be supporting this launch.

**CONTACT LINE** is a new telephone initiative whose aim is to link up families throughout the country who have children with any kind of handicap - mental or physical, mild or severe.

Any family with a disabled child or any professional working with these families can ring **CONTACT LINE** on 01-222 2211 between 10.30 and 2.30 or write to Contact a Family, 16 Strutton Ground, Victoria, London, SW1P 2HP for help, support and information, and be put in touch with a local self-help group or specialist organisation that might be able to help.

## WEST INDIAN LEAGUE

### HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The West Indian League is aware of the poor living conditions of many people, especially the elderly in Southwark and Lambeth areas.

It is true to say that an increasing number of people are finding that financial hardship or poor health prevents them from undertaking much needed improvements to their homes or surroundings. In response to this need, the League has established a "HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" which provides

a skilled work-force undertaking home decorations, carpentry, gardening and a wide range of household repairs for those persons in need.

The Training Commission has agreed to fund the project so that the people requiring assistance need only to provide money for the necessary materials. In exceptional circumstances the project may be able to negotiate or obtain grants from the Social Services and/or other agencies.

The daily running of the project is the responsibility of the Senior Supervisor and Supervisors who also work with members of the W.I. League which forms the management structure of the project.

## WEST INDIAN LEAGUE (CONT/D).

It should be emphasised that the project is of a multi-cultural nature and this is reflected in its work-force. It has a total staff of 36 persons; 24 of whom are project workers who undergo continuous training and supervision from qualified and experienced team leaders. There is also a community worker who will visit all prospective clients before and during the life of the job ensuring satisfaction with its operations and offering general advice and assistance to clients on any other problems that may arise. All persons employed on the project are issued with an identification card and it is expected that they should only be admitted upon production of such a card when working or visiting the clients premises.

For further information please contact:  
83 Pellatt Road, East Dulwich, London,  
SE22 9JD. Tel: 693-0320/5556.

## WOMEN'S OUT AND ABOUT CLUB



### WOMEN'S OUT AND ABOUT CLUB

URGENTLY needs TYPEWRITERS, DESKS and CHAIRS as they don't have funding yet.

They also need VOLUNTEERS to help organise and run a Womens Group for young women with special needs and learning difficulties.

If you can spare one evening a week, please contact: DEBBIE or JAYNE on 635 8231 for more information or a chat.



# LAWYERS IN THE COMMUNITY

## A NEW INITIATIVE TO BE LAUNCHED BY ACTION RESOURCE CENTRE (A.R.C.)

ACTION RESOURCE CENTRE is a national charity which involves business in practical support to community organisations. Through **Lawyers in the Community**; ARC Greater London proposes to offer community organisations in priority inner city areas the opportunity to co-opt a practising solicitor onto their management committees.

The solicitor will be:

- \* A volunteer from one of the City law firms.
- \* committed to attending Management Committee meetings and to offering other occasional support on an ad-hoc basis.
- \* able to give general management advice.

The solicitor **WILL NOT** be:-

- \* attending as a representative of his/her firms, but as an individual.
- \* able to represent the group, or act as the group's own lawyer.
- \* a fundraiser.

SOUTHWARK is one of the target boroughs for this initiative.

If your group is:

\* Contributing to community development in a disadvantaged inner city area, and dealing with one of the following:

- social conditions (e.g. developing opportunities for disadvantaged groups, supporting self-help.
- economic conditions (e.g. stimulating work opportunities, training for work, recycled resources, community business).
- the urban environment (e.g. renovation of buildings for community purposes, housing for low income groups).

- \* able to demonstrate charitable objectives
- \* committed to equal opportunities and without party political bias.

For further information about **Lawyers in the Community**, please contact:- Deborah Lewis or Michelle Rogers - CAP House Third Floor, Action Resource Centre, 9/12 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9HD. Tel: 726 8987.

## **GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

A CELEBRATION OF BRITAINS' UNSUNG  
HEROES ON BBC RADIO

Beginning on January 18th BBC Radio Two, regional and local radio in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be giving communities up and down the country the opportunity to say thanks in the biggest campaign of the year on radio.

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS** is a celebration of unsung heroes - the people who give so much without expecting anything in return. So who are the good neighbours in your community?

If you know someone who deserves an award then write and tell us about them.

Throughout February and early March these **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** will be featured in programmes and listeners will be able to join in a celebration which puts the spotlight on the work they do.



**GOOD NEIGHBOURS**  
Broadcasting House,  
London W1A 4WW  
01-580 4468

Already some national personalities have made nominations - Clare Rayner, Ian McCaskill, Derek Nimmo and Bob Monkhouse - but who would you like to nominate?

It's as likely to be someone making an individual effort as the organiser of a major project. Ask around and see if you can come up with a few who deserve the title **GOOD NEIGHBOUR**.

The address is: **GOOD NEIGHBOURS**, BBC, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, LONDON, W1A 4WW.

**BBC** Local Radio

# THEORIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN

THEORIES seeks to support other organisations or projects who wish to carry out imaginative environmental projects.

THEORIES presently consists of senior partners John Alderson, Dip AD & ATD; and Jerry Cooper, BA (hons) Dip Arch;

## WHO USES THEORIES?

We are asked to help all sorts of organisations, including the following; Tenants Assoc., Community based organisations; Local Authorities; schools and nurseries; Architects; etc....

## THEORIES DESIGN & BUILD PLAY EQUIPMENT

THEORIES aims to design & build innovative play equipment for younger children by working closely with teachers, parents and children. In this way, the fullest potential for imaginative and fantasy play, as well as traditional requirements of developing motor skills, are met.

Each project is unique and the play equipment designed to fit the specific requirements of the place and type of use most needed.

## PLAY EQUIPMENT SERVICE BY THEORIES

- EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY' We all like to play whether a child or teacher, and all have something to offer the process of designing play equipment.
- DESIGN & COST. Theories present costed designs to enable your organisation to come to a decision.
- CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION Theories can custom build the play equipment designed and/or install proprietary catalogue equipment.
- LANDSCAPING Theories also carry out all necessary landscaping around play equipment, or safety play surface provision etc.
- MAINTENANCE We offer a back-up maintenance service to ensure that the equipment remains safe and that high standards of quality are met.
- FUNDING Theories can help organisations find the funding to carry out the project.

## OTHER SERVICES BY THEORIES

### Feasibility Studies

Landscape & Environmental projects

Site supervision & /or contractor's role  
Schools Work, designing play and ecological areas.

Private and Civic Gardens.

Maintenance back-up.

Play Equipment Design, Construction & Installation.

## WHAT IS THEORIES?

THEORIES is a Design & Build Community Landscape Partnership, which is committed to the improvement of the 'living Environment' from within the community.

For further information contact: John Anderson or Jerry Cooper - 99 Eleanor Road, Hackney, London, E8 1DN. Tel: 254-7186 (Jerry) or 250 3276 (John).

# C.L.A.W.S.

C.L.A.W.S.  
COMMUNITY LAND AND WORKSPACE  
SERVICES LTD

CLAWS is a technical aid centre giving free advice and design services to community groups in London. We can help you on a wide variety of projects, reclaiming redundant buildings and derelict land for use of the community, and creating employment opportunities or environmental improvements. We offer:

ARCHITECTURAL ADVICE  
LANDSCAPE ADVICE  
DEVELOPMENT ADVICE

For further information contact: Ginnie Norman. Tel: 833-2909.



COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN & BUILD  
PARTNERSHIP



## COURSES

### A COMMUNITY BASED TRAINING NEEDS ANALYSIS COURSE

It is a six week course aimed at those either working in training or those with an interest in the provision of training.

The course aims to provide an overview of the training scene in Britain. It will look at the role of the Training Commission, local authorities and other providers of work skills. Meeting the skill needs of interest groups will figure prominently in the programme - black communities and white women.

The course will run at two venues: Goldsmiths College and the Lambeth Institute in October and November, 1988.

Goldsmith College: 11th, 18th, 25th October and the 1st, 8th and 15th of November.

Lambeth Institute: 12th, 19th, 26th of October and the 2nd, 9th and 16th of November.

Both courses will run between the hours of 7-9p.m.

Goldsmith College is on bus routes: 36, 171, 141 and New Cross Gate tube station

Lambeth Institute is based in Upper Norwood School, Crown Dale, SE19: buses 2b, 137, 68 and 196.

For more information contact the tutor, Chris Bernier - 703-6311 Ext. 2075.

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an equal opportunities college

### COURSES for WORKERS and VOLUNTEERS in the Community

- \* RSA CERTIFICATE IN THE ORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS
- \* RSA CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING IN SKILLS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNING.
- \* INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING SKILLS.
- \* SKILLS & INFORMATION FOR ADVICE WORKERS.
- \* INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORK.

For further information please contact Fay Lashley - 692-0353 Ext 367.  
SOUTH EAST LONDON COLLEGE, Lewisham Way, London, SE4 1UT.

## NEW ORGANISATION

### CARERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

#### NEW ORGANISATION FOR CARERS

This new organisation has been formed following the merges of the Association of Carers and the National Council for Carers and their Elderly Dependants.

For further information contact: C.N.A. at 29 Chilworth Mews, London, W2 3RG on 724-7776.

### DO YOU SUFFER FROM STRESS, TENSION, ACHES & PAINS ?

DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RELAX ?

OR DO YOU JUST DESERVE A TREAT ?

### MASSAGE WITH AROMATIC OILS

CONTACT PAULINE APPLETON ON 732 8980. Pauline is a IIEC qualified practitioner.

Home visits can be arranged. Reduced rates for unemployed/unwaged, also available as an experienced tutor in massage for community groups, youth groups, women's groups etc.

## JOBS

SOUTHWARK UNEMPLOYED YOUTH PROJECT C/O THOMAS CALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ALPHA STREET, PECKHAM, SE15. Tel No:358-0304.

### PART TIME ADMIN WORKER

25 hours per week. Good typing skills and sound knowledge of filing system essential.

Apply by writing, enclosing full details of employment experience and two referees, to the above address.

# EVENTS

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## PECKHAM BLACK WOMENS CENTRE HEALTH WORKSHOPS

**SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING FORUM**  
is holding a one-day conference  
**THE HOUSING BILL: IS THERE A FUTURE FOR SPECIAL  
NEEDS HOUSING?**  
**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 1988:**  
**UNIVERSITY OF YORK**  
**FEE: £35**

The Conference is being organised by the NFHA on behalf of the Forum. The Special Needs Housing Forum has been recently formed and its membership includes over 20 national and regional agencies with an interest in special needs housing.

For further information contact: NFHA,  
175 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8UP  
Tel: 01-278-6571.

**THE DOCKLANDS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**THE DOCKLANDS FORUM** and the **CAMPAIGN FOR  
HOMES IN CENTRAL LONDON** are holding a  
Conference on Social Housing in East London  
on  
Tuesday, 15 November 1988 - 10.00am - 4.30pm  
at  
WEST HAM TOWN HALL, STRATFORD, E15.

The conference will discuss the future of social housing in London. Speakers will include Docklands community representatives, workers in the housing field, Councillors, MPs and Government spokespersons. All are welcome.

For further information contact; The Docklands Consultative Committee (John Turkie) on 519-5854.

**CHILD CARE NOW'**  
**Come to a Rally'**  
Saturday 17 September 2-5p.m. The Camden Centre, Bidborough St, N1.

The aim of the Rally is to launch a campaign to co-ordinate the widest possible response to the crisis which now faces families with children under five.

**MUSIC by PUSSIBILITIES BAND - ROSIE THE CLOWN - MUSIC WORKSHOPS - CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.**

Creche=signers=disabled access  
For further information ring 831-6946.

4TH AUGUST to 15TH SEPTEMBER 1988 - 1-3p.m.  
4TH AUGUST SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA  
11TH AUGUST - MENOPAUSE  
18TH AUGUST - HEALTHY HAPPY EATING  
1ST SEPTEMBER - COMMON SKIN & HAIR PROBLEMS  
8TH SEPTEMBER - NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN  
15TH SEPTEMBER - INFERTILITY

At all workshops there will be time set aside to get to know your body in relation to the topic being discussed. There will also be drop in sessions with facilities for testing eyes, urine, blood pressure, measuring weight and pregnancy testing will be available. Health problems will be discussed privately in strict confidence and in a relaxed atmosphere. Know your body sessions will comprise of a video followed by discussions or an informal lecture and questions.

CRECHE  
69 BELLENDEN ROAD, PECKHAM, SE15. Tel  
No:- 358-1486.

## ADVICE SESSIONS

**PECKHAM BLACK WOMENS CENTRE**  
**WELFARE RIGHTS ADVICE SESSION**  
Wednesday 10-12 noon.  
We give advice on:  
EDUCATION BENEFITS  
CLAIMING INCOME SUPPORT  
CLAIMING MATERNITY BENEFIT  
BENEFITS FOR SINGLE PARENTS  
BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME WORKERS  
OBTAINING COMMUNITY CARE GRANTS & LOANS  
IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ISSUES

69 BELLENDEN ROAD  
PECKHAM SE15  
Tel No:- 358-1486.

**THE CUPPER PUB THEATRE**  
**TOWER BRIDGE ROAD**  
**LONDON, SE22**  
The CONTAGIOUS PERFORMANCE COMPANY presents a double bill of plays. "CRYSTAL CLEAR" - The award winning play by Phil Young, and "REPLICAS" - The first production of a new black comedy by Chris New. From July 26th to September 16th. Doors open 7.30pm. Performance Starts 8.00pm. Tubes - Tower Hill, London Bridge.

For further information contact: 299 3953.



# National Childminding Association

## SOUTHWARK CHILDMINDING SUPPORT PROJECT

is a Social Services funded voluntary project managed by the National Childminding Association. Childminders offer an important form of childcare often for long hours and low pay. They can feel isolated and in need of support.

We are a team of one Co-ordinator, one Administrative Assistant and four (reduced from seven by recruitment freeze) Field workers who visit childminders in their own homes to offer advice, help and information. They also encourage the forming of childminder support groups who meet regularly for training sessions, events and activities or just a chat.

The Workers like to liaise with other groups/projects wherever they can.

We would be very interested in making contact with other projects/community centres/groups, etc. who feel that such a liaison would be useful. Perhaps we could start a group in your premises or maybe you would like to come and do some work with our groups or individual childminders.

We would be particularly interested in making contact with any Black worker/s who feel they could join us in setting up a support group for Black childminders or perhaps at first just help us in identifying the need for such a group. As all our field workers are white, we could not offer the support of an all-Black group, but would be very willing to work with someone who could, and to support that person in whatever way seemed appropriate.

We would also be pleased to meet you if you would just like to come and see what we do.

We are a 2 Davey Street, Peckham, SE15 6LF or ring me on 703-9461, 9.30-3.30 or leave a message on the Ansafone.

PATRICIA WILKINSON  
CO-ORDINATOR



## PUBLICATION

### AIDS ISSUE

Recently published "AIDS the issues for Housing" by the Resource Information Service in co-operation with London Special Needs Housing Group (1987). A complete and concise book that examines the issues people living with AIDS raise for housing.

Clear and simple to read, the message the book puts across is that people with AIDS have not created the housing problems they face.

People living with AIDS need adequate housing immediately. The stress induced by bad housing, harassment, homelessness etc. can cause a sufferer's condition to deteriorate. Housing become literally a matter of life and death.

This point is further supported by recent studies from America which indicate that increasing number of people, diagnosed as having AIDS, have lived for 5 years or more since diagnosis. There is a clear link between a person's housing conditions and their ability to live and survive with the disease.

The book examines elements of good quality housing service looking at design, access, security, location, care and support service. It also examines health and safety, confidentiality, allocations, harassment, education and training as well as having a comprehensive appendix.

It is a valuable and comprehensive book for advice workers and all those concerned about housing and service delivery. The book "AIDS the issues for Housing" is available from: Resource and Information Service, 5 Egmont House, 116 Shaftesbury Ave, London, W1V 7DJ. Price £4.50.

# S.C.V.S. GRANT GIVING FACTSHEET

## CONSORTIUM ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR IMMEDIATE USE

### GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTARY WORK THAT INVOLVES UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

Voluntary and community organisations throughout England are being invited to bid for grants of up to £30,000 a year for three years for running local projects which enable unemployed people to do voluntary work in the health and social care field.

Some £2 million a year is on offer over the next three years from the Consortium on Opportunities for Volunteering, based within the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. The Consortium represents

ten national voluntary organisations appointed by the Department of Health and Social Security to handle the General Fund of the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme.

The scheme, originally a 'one year at a time' programme was re-launched as a three year 'rolling' programme in April 1986.

Projects are eligible for up to 36 months' funding, from April 1989. All applications must reach the Consortium office by the deadline date of 4th November 1988.

To qualify for a grant, projects must provide opportunities for volunteers to be involved with activities meeting health and care needs, this might include work with elderly people, families, and young children. Support for self help groups, neighbourhood care schemes and training programmes is also available.

Grants ranging from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £30,000 a year are available to meet;

- \* Volunteers' out-of-pocket expenses
- \* Staff costs, office expenses, and other overheads.
- \* Training costs for management committees, organisers and volunteers.
- \* Project equipment: and
- \* Minor renovation work to adapt premises to ensure access for people with disabilities.

In deciding which groups to select for a grant, the Consortium will favour groups

which show that they are taking steps towards a deliberate policy of equal opportunities. The Consortium's current priorities include projects managed by and involving black and ethnic minority communities; women's groups and groups for people with disabilities. The Consortium is also keen to support projects which meet the needs of those living in rural areas.

On top of the money given to the Consortium this year the DHSS will be distributing approximately a further £3.5 million amongst 15 national voluntary organisations - including Age Concern England, Barnardo's and the Spastics Society - which are considering applications for funding from their own local branches.

Applications forms can be obtained from the Consortium Office, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU.

Tel No: 01-580-6387.

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### HOLIDAY PROJECT GRANT AID:

Are you thinking of running a playscheme for children/young people during the 1988 autumn Half Term holiday period? If yes, and you are a community/voluntary group or a youth group, then you may apply to the Southwark Holiday Project Grant Committee for a grant towards the cost of running your playscheme.

\* Locally centre-based play projects offering arts, crafts, cooking, drama, games etc.

\* Day trips and outings, normally as part of a centre-based scheme.

\* Schemes for all ages i.e. under 5's, 5-14's and over 14's.

\* Schemes for those with special needs e.g. children/young people with disabilities.

\* Schemes offering equal opportunities for girls and boys.

Application forms and 'Guidelines on How to Apply' are available from Valencia Nichols/Sarah Newton, Room 408 Town Hall Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UB.

TEL: 703 6311 Ext 2084/2041.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS IS FRIDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 1988.



# PAYROLL GIVING

## PAYROLL GIVING

- gifts of up to £240/year from workers' tax-free pay - for further information contact the Charities Trust, J.M. Centre, 100/111 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L70 1AB, tel: 051 928 6611 ext 245 or "Give As You Earn", Sterling House, 150 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1BB, tel: 0732 770233.

## UPDATE

Good news for organisations acceptable to the Inland Revenue as eligible to receive charitable donations.

## 1. INLAND REVENUE EASING OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Inland Revenue has agreed to adopt a less rigid interpretation of payroll giving regulations. It will now be easier for individuals to make donations to charities of their choice under the payroll giving scheme, and for consortia of charities to be named as conduits for donations without themselves having to be charities.

## 2. PAYROLL GIVING RESPONSE SO FAR

Employers are joining the payroll scheme more readily than was originally anticipated and "Give As You Earn" for instance knows that over 1,000 charities will have benefited from a throughput of about £1 million from approximately 45,000 employees at the end of the first year of the scheme.

There has been some delay in getting donations to some charities but this has been principally because some employers needed time to adjust their payroll systems.

## 3. CHARITY CHOICE FORMS

Inland Revenue is adamant that charities must not overprint official charity choice forms with the name of their charity. Donors must be given a choice of charity and Inland Revenue would not consider that a donor would be offered a proper choice with such a form.

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## 4. CHARITIES OWN FORMS FOR PAYROLL GIVING

Charities may issue their own forms with their charity's name printed in. These can be issued in any form and in any way, for instance through mailings, or magazine/newspaper advertisements, or distribution at meetings. Such forms will be returned to the issuing charity who will then be responsible for transferring the information to the standard form which the charity will then forward to the agency charity.

The agency charity will then contact the employer and make sure the donation is properly processed.

## 5. MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM DONATIONS

The maximum amount which any one person may give each year was raised to £240 in the 1988 Finance Act. Agency charities are finding that it is not really economic to administer very small sums, but are prepared to accept as little as 25p per week as a minimum for the time being.

They would of course prefer donors to give more, to help with the scheme's viability.

## 6. PLEDGES BY TELEPHONE

From May Premium line telephone numbers will be available for individuals to pledge payroll donations. There will be no need for them to sign a form and arrangements will be made to deal with any possible abuses of the system. There will be one London number, and one each in Scotland, Wales, northern Ireland and the North West of England. Give As You Earn will be responsible for administering the telephone giving scheme, but will ensure that where an employer is registered with another agency charity, the request is passed on appropriately. It is anticipated that the numbers will be operational from 3pm to 10pm each day. (Premium telephone line calls are charged at standard rate plus 17p).

## 7. NEW APPROACHES TO CONSORTIA

Until now Inland Revenue has insisted that in order for a consortium to be accepted as a nominated charity it should itself be a charity. There will still be some procedures to follow but these are not arduous.

All members of a consortium must be acceptable to the Inland Revenue as a recipient of payroll donations (Inland Revenue has issued a list of types of acceptable organisations in addition to those with charity registration numbers). All members of the consortium must be agreed on how any donations are to be distributed amongst them. There must be a signed letter of understanding of this condition, and approval of the consortium given by Inland Revenue Claims Branch (Charity Division), St John's House, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L69 9BB.

# SOURCES OF FUNDS

## Some Suggestions

**FUNDRAISING FUNCTIONS:** dances, dinners, sponsored walks etc including a large number of smaller activities.

**INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE:** promotions, donations as one-off gifts or covenants, gifts in kind, secondees.

Approach your local Chamber of Commerce, local professional associations, trade unions, bingo clubs, pubs and local schools and ask them to fundraise on your group's behalf - that will usually get local newspaper publicity.

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- contact the Grant Liaison Section to get a clear idea of their policies on grant giving, and when and what you have to do to apply for money. These officers should be able to advise you about EEC, MSC and other Central Government sources of grants eg Housing Corporation, DHSS, Home Office.

**PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED:** trading companies, shops, mail order sales of Christmas cards. (There are regulations relating to charity trading). It is possible to make charges for running training programmes, to charge for advertising in community magazines and to arrange joint sponsorships with industry.

**CHARITABLE TRUSTS** - the library should have a copy of the local section of the Charities Register prepared by the Charity Commission.

**LOTTERIES:** (permission required from local authority or from Gaming Board for a large scale lottery).

**FLAG DAYS:** (permission needed from local authority).

**HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION:** permission required from local authority.

**COMMUNITY TRUSTS** - there are now 30 of these throughout the country; they aim to attract grants to give to local community projects.

**LEGACIES** - this is money left in people's wills to charity - tell people you would like legacies by advertising the fact in your annual report, publicity and local newspapers.

**DONATIONS/COVENANTS** - ask people for covenants rather than one-off donations. broadly, if a tax payer signs a covenant to give a similar amount each year to a charity, for four years or more the charity will get the tax back from the Inland Revenue. See 'Covenants - a practical guide to giving' published by the Directory of Social Change.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

SCVS has a number of books on fundraising some useful ones published by NCVO, and also the Directory of Social Change, Radius Works, Back Lane, London, NW3 1HL, tel: 01 435 8171: book lists on application with SAE.

Business in the Community, 227a City Road, London, EC1V 1JU, tel: 01 253 3716 and Action Resource Centre, CAP House, 9-11 Long Lane, London, EC1 A 9HD, tel: 01 726 8987, have developed a 'Business Links Kit, giving advice on how to develop links with local businesses.

SCVS and NCVO also has information about funding programmes for local voluntary organisations eg Local Development Agencies Development Fund, Consortium on Opportunities for Volunteering, National Westminster Bank Fund etc.

Further general information from: Derek Lowman, Resource Development Officer, Local Development Unit, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU.

## GRANTS

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION GRANTS FOR RESEARCH/EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT**

Equal Opportunities Commission, is awarding financial assistance under Section 54 of the Sex Discrimination Act, for research and Educational projects concerned with promoting equal opportunities between men and women.

The closing dates for receipt of applications in 1988 are:- 1st September - decision early December 1988.

For further information and an application form please ring - 061 833 9244 Ext 322/327/ or 329. Or write to ROOM 405, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION, OVERSEAS HOUSE, QUAY STREET, MANCHESTER, M3 3HN.

Officers are always happy to discuss proposals with prospective applicants.



# MARKETING RESOURCE CENTRE

## PLANNING A MARKETING STRATEGY

October 5th & 6th 1988

January 19th & 20th 1989

Plan the direction of your organisation through setting objectives, fixing targets, and designing effective marketing strategies to reach the most likely donors and/or users for your cause, activities or service.

## MARKETING RESEARCH

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Up-to-date information about supporters or users, the feasibility of offering particular services, or the potential of new sources of donations, is key to good planning. Learn how to plan and undertake effective marketing research on this one-day seminar.

## DESIGNING AN EFFECTIVE PROMOTIONS STRATEGY

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An intensive one-day course to help you plan a more effective promotional strategy, identify the most appropriate promotional tools, and learn the ground rules for an effective message.

## PRESS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

October 25th 1988

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Learn how to write and present more effective letters, advertisements, brochures and leaflets on this intensive and practical one-day seminar.

## SELLING YOUR WARES

November 8th 1988

March 14th 1989

What goods or services might your charity sell? Where and how will it be best to sell them? This one-day course is aimed at voluntary groups who wish to supplement income by producing a range of goods or services for sale.

## JOINT PROMOTIONS

January 26th 1989

Many charities are successfully linking up with companies in joint promotions projects; raising income and their profile at the same time. Learn how to approach a company to develop joint promotions package on this one-day seminar.

## VENUE

All training courses take place at the Marketing Resource Centre offices near the Barbican. This is easily accessible by public transport and a map is enclosed with confirmation of booking.

All courses run from 10am to 5pm. Refreshments and lunch are provided, and vegetarian and vegan tastes catered for.

## PRICES

Prices are extremely competitive and subsidised by grant funding from the London Boroughs Grants Scheme. Course fee includes refreshments and lunch, and full course notes.

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| One-day seminars | £35 |
| Two-day seminars | £65 |

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to be put on the mailing list for a course brochure (available end of August) please contact the Marketing Resource Centre, 11-13 Charterhouse Buildings, London, EC1M 7AN. Tel: (01) 608 1144.

## What does it mean for the voluntary sector?

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# NCVO

Arts Council

Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 is now in force. It prohibits local authorities from intentionally promoting homosexuality. How will the work and funding of voluntary groups be affected by this prohibition? Given this new law what steps can voluntary groups continue to take to ensure equal opportunities and access for all sections of the community, including lesbians and gay men?

The overall message of these notes is that voluntary groups funded, or supported in any way, by local authorities *can* continue to provide services for lesbians and gay men; and *can* continue to pursue the principle of equal opportunity in all their work. But, in supporting them the local authority must not be intentionally promoting homosexuality.

Section 28 need not prohibit:

- o the promotion of equal opportunities or prevention of discrimination
- o the provision of advice and other services to gay men or lesbians
- o bringing artistic or cultural work by or about gay men and lesbians before the public
- o giving grants or other forms of support to groups to do any of these

provided the local authority does not intend to promote homosexuality.

What does Section 28 actually say?

Only local authorities can act contrary to the provisions of Section 28. No other funding source is affected, and there is no question of voluntary groups themselves being accused of illegal acts in respect of the section. The section does, however, clearly prohibit local authorities from engaging in any of the following three courses of action:

- 1) "A local authority shall not intentionally promote homosexuality."
- 2) "A local authority shall not publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality."
- 3) "A local authority shall not promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship."

The only exception to these prohibitions is "the doing of anything for the purpose of treating or preventing the spread of disease".

There is no mention of voluntary groups, following the deletion of a reference to local authority funded groups in the House of Lords. Having said that, it is quite clear that the broad nature of the first prohibition does have important implications for voluntary groups as well as their local authority funders. Most obviously, just as a local authority cannot intentionally promote homosexuality, so it cannot use public money to fund voluntary groups to promote homosexuality. Furthermore, there are aspects of the third prohibition of relevance to the voluntary sector, for instance for arts groups working with schools.

It should be stressed, however, that what voluntary groups do with private donations or grants from central government or trusts, is unaffected by the section.

There is also no straightforward distinction between specifically lesbian and gay groups and more generalist organisations serving both lesbians and gay men and the wider community. Each 'case' - whether before a local authority grants committee or a court of law - must therefore be judged on its own merits. In any judgement of this kind, it is clear that an opinion will involve interpreting the three aspects of the section which have been considered particularly ambiguous.

### Overall impact

The opinion is clear that the promotion of homosexuality should not be confused or equated with discouraging forms of discrimination against lesbians and gay men on the ground of their sexuality. The most obvious application of this view is in relation to equal opportunities in employment, but it can be extended to services provided on the basis of equal access for lesbians and gay men. The legal opinion addresses this issue as follows:

"Thus preventing discrimination in employment or housing or discouraging unfair treatment of homosexuals in other fields where otherwise lawful would not be prohibited by this first prohibition. Nor do we consider for example that the giving of advice, assistance or information to or concerning homosexuals, if otherwise lawful, is of itself necessarily prohibited by the new section."

The precise implications of the clause for different types of work obviously need to be investigated, and will form part of the more detailed guidance, due to be published by NCVO in the autumn. For the moment, the best guidance we can give is to refer voluntary groups to ministerial statements outlining the intention of the Government in supporting the introduction of the section, and to the experience of funding applications since its introduction.

In the House of Lords, the Government Minister the Earl of Cairness specifically referred to worries about the funding of services provided to lesbians and gay men, about the funding of counselling services, and about equal opportunities policies. At a general level, he said:

"Some local authorities have tried to ensure that the services provided by the Councils serve the needs of homosexuals as much as the needs of the community. There can be no objection to such an aim." (2 February 1988, Column 1017)

In respect of counselling services, he said:

"An authority might, for example, wish to finance a voluntary organisation providing counselling and advice services to homosexuals: it is entitled to contribute to the funds of non-profit making bodies providing a public service - under section 137(3) of the Local Government Act - if it thinks it appropriate to do so." (16 February 1988, Column 612)

Finally, with reference to equal opportunities policies, he said that

"The Clause is not about banning the employment of homosexuals by local authorities. Like all public bodies, local authorities should be, and I am sure are, equal opportunity employers." (2 February 1988, Column 1017)

### Local Authorities

The way in which local authorities interpret Section 28 is of critical importance. Voluntary groups may therefore want to meet with their local authority to discuss the issues raised in these guidance notes, so that the general implications of Section 28 for local authority support for voluntary groups are fully discussed in advance of particular cases or controversies arising. The overall objective should be to ensure local authorities do not take on an over-cautious approach to the interpretation of Section 28.



### Local authority support for voluntary groups

As well as providing grants to voluntary groups, local authorities provide support and facilities to the voluntary sector in other ways; for example access to and use of equipment, both technical and recreational; and hire of venues for events and meeting spaces. They may also loan the professional expertise of their staff to the voluntary sector, eg architects to help with new premises. Voluntary groups, whether generalist or lesbian and gay, will still be able to benefit from these local authority services. However, all these services *would* come within the general scope of Section 28 and, therefore, local authorities are prohibited from providing any of these services to local groups with the intention of promoting homosexuality.

### Officers' reports

Officers' reports to committee are a particularly important part of the process whereby local authorities determine whether or not to support a voluntary group. Members must have particular regard to what the officers say in arriving at their decision and, in any legal challenge, particular attention is likely to be paid to the officers' report. It is therefore essential that voluntary groups provide officers with a true and accurate picture of their organisation and that they then have a chance to comment on the report in draft and satisfy themselves that the description of their aims and activities is accurate.

### Encouraging good practice

In the context of good practice and regardless of Section 28, it is right and proper that funding decisions by local authorities should be based on full and accurate information. Reasonable monitoring should take place, to ensure that the grant is used for the purpose for which it was given: voluntary groups should be accountable to their funding bodies for their use of public funds. This principle has been widely accepted as being in the interests of local authorities and voluntary organisations alike.

However, it is important that such procedures are seen in the context of good practice generally and are negotiated and agreed by local authorities with their local voluntary sector as a whole – and that funding for work with lesbians and gay men is not singled out for unnecessarily severe scrutiny.

Indeed, in some areas it may be possible to use Section 28 as an opportunity for initiating negotiations between the voluntary sector and the local authority on good practice in grant giving in general and furthering equal opportunities in particular.

### Grant conditions

A new standard grant condition has been introduced by the London Boroughs Grant Scheme (LBGS) which funds many London-wide generalist and lesbian and gay projects. It states that:

"Grant money may not be expended for any purpose which constitutes the intentional promotion of homosexuality, within the meaning of Section 2A of the Local Government Act 1986."

Strictly speaking, according to legal advice received it is not necessary for local authorities to insert a grant condition of this kind. All that is needed is the standard condition requiring the group to use the grant only for the purpose for which it was given (which must be for some purpose *other* than the promotion of homosexuality).

However, groups will have to decide for themselves, in the light of local circumstances, whether to contest the imposition of an LBGS type condition or not. In some circumstances the funding body may feel that this type of condition provides them with a safeguard against the auditor or the courts, in which case the existence of the condition could increase the likelihood of groups receiving funding; in other circumstances it could result in an over-cautious approach by officers.

### Local groups' aims and objectives

Local authorities may exert pressure on some projects to change their constitutions, particularly if they include explicit reference to the promotion of homosexuality. It is also possible that organisations may be recommended to change the emphasis of their work. There have already been examples of voluntary organisations being advised to stress certain aspects of their remit (most often HIV/AIDS related work).

In these cases a careful assessment will be needed to determine whether such changes are strictly necessary to enable local authorities to grant aid projects within the law. (It should be emphasised that no local authority would be likely to fund an organisation whose aims and objectives explicitly included the promotion of homosexuality.) Such changes could undermine their independence and devalue or distort other services they provide. On the other hand they could benefit the organisation through increasing its chances of obtaining funding.

### If funding is refused

If grant aid is refused or withdrawn, it is important to press the local authority to provide clear and unequivocal reasons for their decision. This should be in writing, to avoid any possible misunderstandings with the local authority, the voluntary group, and the community served.

It may then be possible to establish that the local authority has adopted an unnecessarily restrictive interpretation of the law. On the other hand, it may become apparent that the real reasons for withdrawal of grant are for factors other than Section 28. It will then be necessary to establish the real motivation in order to make an appropriate response.

Conversely it may happen that a local authority may cite reasons related to the performance of the organisation for withdrawal of grant when their primary motivation is in fact fear of inviting a legal challenge over Section 28. Again, it is important to establish this, and it may well be possible to convince the local authority that its fears are groundless.

...and that the interests of both the local authority and voluntary sector to be clear on these questions before a report comes to councillors for decision – and groups should ask to see and comment on draft reports *before* they go to Committee. However, if this has not happened, then the need for a proper appeals procedure becomes obvious

### Expanding and improving work with lesbians and gay men

We have examined the dangers of inappropriate responses from local authorities. Equally, it is important that voluntary groups themselves resist an over-cautious approach to their work with lesbians and gay men.

As we have made clear, Section 28 does not mean that local authorities or voluntary organisations should not continue to provide services for lesbians and gay men, but continue to pursue the principle of equal opportunities in all their work.

### Monitoring

At the local level any groups experiencing difficulties as a result of Section 28 should make contact with their local council for voluntary service, regional arts association or any other appropriate local coordinating group. They should be able to provide advice and support.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations, London Voluntary Service Council and the Arts Council are monitoring the impact of Section 28 on local authority funding and practice towards voluntary groups. We are doing this in order to be able to make well-informed representations to central and local government – and also to assist organisations who ask for our support in relation to the new law.

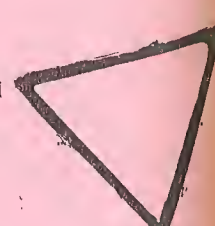
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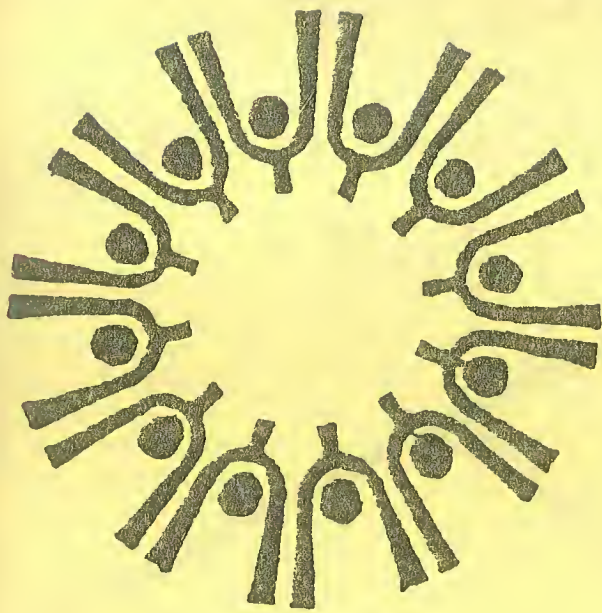
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The National Council for Civil Liberties is preparing a more detailed booklet on the legal implications of Section 28. This will be available in August/September from NCCL, 21 Tabard Street, London SE1 4LA.





# **SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

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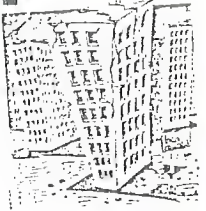


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# HOUSING UNDER THREAT

## THE HOUSING BILL



As the Housing Bill moves into its final stage in Parliament before becoming law, it's worth just reminding ourselves of what plans the Government has in store for housing in the future.

The Government is quite clear about its intentions. It wants to transform the country into a land of homeowners and renters of private housing.

As well as encouraging the spread of homeownership through mortgage tax relief and other incentives, the Government is keen to inject new life into the **"independent"** rented sector mainly through deregulation of new lettings by private landlords and housing associations; and the "revision of the financial regime of housing associations to facilitate greater use of private resources".

### BRANDED

In the Government's eyes, local authorities are, generally, bad housing manager incapable of providing an efficient and cost effective service to their tenants.

Under the Housing Bill, therefore, the message to tenants is that they will get a better deal with another landlord. The opportunity for tenants to transfer to a new landlord under so called **"Tenants' Choice"** and the establishment of Housing Action trusts (HATs) are the two main strategies which the Government will use to systematically strip local authorities of their role as housing providers.

But the picture of housing under this proposed legislation is not as bright as it is painted by the Government.

### HATS

The Government intends setting up HATs within a number of local authority areas.

In Southwark, HATs are to be established on the Gloucester Grove and North Peckham Estates.

The aim of HATs will be to repair and improve the properties they own. Once HATs have completed their job they will be wound up and the properties passed on to **"other owners and managers"**.

This may all seem very well, but there are several worrying aspects of this whole plan. Unlike local authorities, the board of members who will run HATs are unelected by and unaccountable to tenants. Furthermore, tenants affected will be "consulted" about HATs but will not be given the choice as to whether or not they want one. The Government has refused to consider the recent proposal for tenants to decide on HATs by ballot.

Even if tenants want to return to their local authority, the Government has engineered their plan so as to make it financially impossible for authorities to take back into ownership properties which fall under HATs. So, once those properties are passed over to private landlords, the inevitable will happen - tenants will have fewer rights and their rents will, without a doubt, increase to market levels.

### PICK A TENANT

As for the **"Tenants Choice"** part of the Bill, the Government claims it gives tenants greater freedom to pick the landlord they want and to transfer away from the council to a **private landlord** or **Housing Association**. The choices, however, seem heavily weighted on the side of the landlord.

As with tenants under HATs, a similar fate lies ahead for tenants who choose to go with a private landlord in terms of drastically reduced security of tenure and increased rents.

There is no certainty that new landlords will allow tenants many of the rights they currently have under their tenancy agreement with the Council.

### POLICIES

Southwark, like some other boroughs, have progressive policies on racial and sexual harassment, domestic violence, breakdown of relationship and others. Moreover, Southwark tenants have the right to arbitration if the Council fails to carry out its duties under the tenancy agreement.

Will a new landlord be keen to provide tenants with all this?

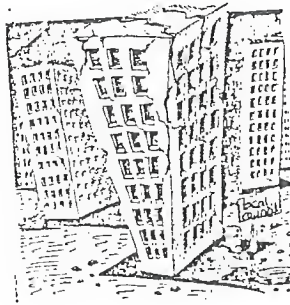




# HOUSING UNDER THREAT (CONT/D)....

## REPAIRS

Councils will be forced, under the new legislation, to make their housing more capable, financially of looking after itself. This will be an impossible task not only because of the cuts to grants they receive from the Government but also by the fact that councils will be prevented from using money from their **General Rate Fund** to spend on housing. Management of and repairs to their properties will have to be paid for from increasing rents and selling off estates.



## HOMELESSNESS

As if this were not enough, the Bill offers no solution to the present housing crisis.

It does nothing to tackle the increasing numbers of homeless people.

The Housing Act '85 part III obliges local authorities to provide accommodation for certain homeless people who are in housing "priority" and yet authorities are denied adequate resources to carry out this duty.

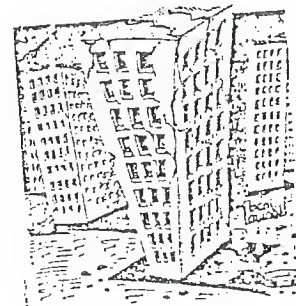
It is inevitable that more and more homeless people, with no means of finding their own accommodation, will be just left to fall by the way-side.

Southwark Council, currently accepting the highest number of homeless families in the country, will be forced, in the future, to turn away more people in desperate need of homes.

The same trend will apply to council waiting lists. Lists will increase as greater numbers of people find themselves stuck with living in unsatisfactory housing conditions with no way out.

Tenants, however, should not be prepared to accept poor housing. They need to campaign strongly against the Bill but at the same time campaign for better quality housing from the Council. With the combined effect of the forthcoming housing and poll tax legislation and the new Social Security Act, many people - particularly **black people** - will be left more **socially** and **economically worse off** than ever.

It is now, more than at any other time, that **Southwark Council** needs to keep to its commitment to **equal opportunities** in its allocations and other services.



## DILEMMA

With local authorities being restricted in this way, tenants are faced with a real dilemma of not knowing whether to stay as tenants with their local authority (many of whom do not have a glowing track record as far as repairs are concerned - Southwark being one example) or to go with an alternative landlord in the hope of better things to come.

## CAMPAIGN

What Southwark tenants - like other council tenants - need to realise is that voting in favour of a new landlord means that their homes will never again be available, as of right, to future generations.



## THE HOUSING ACTION TRUST STUDY FOR SOUTHWARK

We have been appointed to carry out an independent investigation on whether a Housing Action Trust should or should not be set up on the Southwark Estate.

Our work will involve four main tasks:

1. Seeing what repairs need to be done on the properties on the estate(s).

We would like to survey a sample of the homes in the area to find out what repair and improvement work is required. We will calculate the cost of this and put forward a plan for carrying out the work.

2. Looking at the design of the estate, its environment and its communal areas.

We plan to take a good look at the estate to see what work is needed to improve living conditions for residents. Again, we will calculate the cost for this and put forward a plan.

3. Looking at the management of the estate.

We intend to look at how the estate is currently managed and will be seeking your views on how you think the estate should be managed in the future. In particular we wish to know whether you feel that local residents, workers, professionals etc. would want to be involved in the future of the management of the estate.

4. Investigating job opportunities.

Finally we wish to look at the employment possibilities on the estate, especially for residents. We will put forward a plan for the creation of work opportunities on the estate.

We shall be producing a report of our findings which will be presented to the Secretary of State.

We would like the report to reflect the views of as many people as possible irrespective of whether they support or oppose the concept of HAT. To this end we would greatly appreciate being able to talk to you, so that your views on what it is like to live on the estate and area can be put forward.

If you would like to meet us please contact:

Housing Action Trust Study Centre  
Southbank House  
Black Prince Road  
Albert Embankment  
London  
SE1 7SJ

Tel: 01-587-1485.

## News from Southwark Council

The Press Office  
Southwark Town Hall  
Peckham Road SE5 8UB

Telephone 01 703 6311 ext 2060

Contact: Diane Roy

## FESTIVAL EXHIBITION APPLAUDS WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS

The camerawork of women is celebrated at the South London Art Gallery next month as part of the Spectrum Women's Photography Festival.

Every available venue in London has been taken over to house exhibitions and talks for the festival. The famous and the unknown are both taking part. For many, it is their first show.

The South London is holding a major open exhibition running from October 14 to November 3, highlighting various skills and techniques. Works come from women across London and have been chosen from a large response.

A series of related workshops has also been arranged. Details are available from Viv Reiss at Blackfriars Photography Project on 237-9312. The South London, on Peckham Road, is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday, 3pm-6pm. Entrance is free.



# Local Accountancy Project

**FINANCES A HEADACHE? NEED TRAINING OR ADVICE? THEN READ ON!**

The Local Accountancy Project has been in existence for over two years. Currently there are two workers **Cindy Smart** and **Tony Rowell** working for the project. We provide a comprehensive financial advisory service for voluntary groups in Southwark and Lewisham, with an emphasis on training to enable and encourage groups to become more confident in keeping their own books of accounts. We are an independent project and the services we provide are entirely confidential.

## TRAINING

Our autumn training programme of courses has now been finalised. These cover the basic aspects of **book-keeping** through to more advanced elements of **accounting**, such as **budgeting** and **cashflow**. There are also courses on duties and responsibilities as employers in dealing with **PAYE**, **Statutory Sick pay** and **Statutory Maternity Pay**. At a more specialised level we shall be running courses on **VAT**, the pros and cons of incorporation and fundraising.

We have devised these courses based on our experiences of the needs of the community groups and other voluntary organisations. However we need to get feedback from groups themselves as to what they require. We can then tailor courses to suit individual requirements. **LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!**

## ADVICE

As well as providing training, we also offer book-keeping and accountancy services.

We will either come to you and give advice on how best to put accounting records in order or you can come and see us at the **THOMAS CALTON CENTRE**. We will also prepare year end accounts for you from the books and records you have kept during the year. However we will charge a fee for accounts preparation.

So if you feel that you may be able to help us, or feel that these courses are for you, or that we may be of some practical help to you or to a group you know, call in, write or ring us- and if you would like us to visit you instead we'd be happy to do so.

**CONTACT: Cindy or Tony**  
Community Accountants, Thomas Calton Centre,  
Peckham, SE15 4NX. Tel: 358-0678.

## AUTUMN COURSES

|                                                                                                      |           | <u>COST (£)</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <u>Basic Community Accounting I (2 Days)</u>                                                         |           |                 |
| Course BI(A) October 19/20                                                                           | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| BI(B) October 28/27                                                                                  | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| BI(C) December 7/8                                                                                   | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| <u>Basic Community Accounting II (2 Days)</u>                                                        |           |                 |
| Course CII(A) November 23/24                                                                         | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| <u>Fundraising (1 Day)</u>                                                                           |           |                 |
| Course F(A) November 7                                                                               | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| F(A) December 12                                                                                     | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| <u>Budgets and Cashflow (2 Days)</u>                                                                 |           |                 |
| Course B/C(A) November 2/3                                                                           | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| <u>Grant Applications (1 Day)</u>                                                                    |           |                 |
| Course G(A) November 18                                                                              | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| <u>PAYE (2 Day)</u>                                                                                  |           |                 |
| Course P(A) October 12/13                                                                            | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| * P(B) November 3,10,17,24                                                                           | 6.30-9pm  | 30              |
| P(C) December 14/15                                                                                  | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| *Course B will be a combined PAYE/Statutory Sick Pay course run on four consecutive Monday evenings. |           |                 |
| <u>Statutory Sick Pay (1 Day)</u>                                                                    |           |                 |
| Course SSP(A) October 17                                                                             | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| <u>Statutory Maternity Pay (1 Day)</u>                                                               |           |                 |
| Course SMP(A) October 24                                                                             | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| SMP(B) November 28                                                                                   | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| <u>Value Added Tax (1 Day)</u>                                                                       |           |                 |
| Course V(A) December 5                                                                               | 10-3.30pm | 15              |
| <u>Basic Accounting for MC Members (3 Evenings)</u>                                                  |           |                 |
| Course B/M(A) Nov.28, Dec.5,12                                                                       | 6.30-9pm  | 20              |
| <u>Incorporation: Company status or not? (2 Days)</u>                                                |           |                 |
| Course I(A) Nov.30, Dec 1                                                                            | 10-3.30pm | 30              |
| <u>Charities: Financial and Legal aspects (1 Day)</u>                                                |           |                 |
| Course C(A) November 14                                                                              | 10-3.30pm | 15              |

All courses will take place at the **THOMAS CALTON CENTRE**  
ALPHA STREET  
SE15 4NX  
TEL: 358-0678

# EMPLOYMENT ACTION FUND

## EMPLOYMENT ACTION FUND

### WHAT IS IT?

A fund of £400,000 administered by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to enable local projects for unemployed people to benefit from the money made available by the DHSS as a result of the RPI (Retail Price Index) error. Funds will be available in 1988/89 and 1989/90.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

The fund is to provide direct support for unemployed people through training projects, enterprise projects and other employment projects. Anyone working directly with unemployed people can apply - but the fund can only support new activity.

### DO WE HAVE TO BE A CHARITY?

No, any voluntary organisation can apply. However, you have to be non-profit making and properly constituted - obviously we need to see proof of this.

### ARE THERE PRIORITIES FOR EAF?

Yes, we know that the fund will be oversubscribed therefore we need priorities. We want to make as sure as possible that the money goes to people and areas in most need.

### HOW MUCH CAN WE APPLY FOR AND ARE THERE LIMITATIONS?

£20,000 is the maximum that can be applied for by any one local organisation. Grants for capital (for moveable assets only) and revenue are possible but you should check the Guidelines carefully when applying.

Also there must be no revenue implications for the fund beyond March 31st 1990.

### HOW DO WE APPLY?

If you don't have the Guidelines and application form - write now to the address below. Read the Guidelines carefully - they will be strictly applied - and then fill in the application form making sure that all supporting information requested is given.

### WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

EAF will be giving grants all through 1988/89 and 1989/90. You can apply for funds to spread over both years now but if you only want to apply for 1989/90 don't apply now - further details will be given later in the year. The deadlines for receipt of the applications in 1988/89 are:

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 1988  
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 1988

You don't have to rush to get your application in for September - your application may have to be held over for the following allocation.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS WRITE TO:

Rosemarie Daley  
Employment Action Fund - (EAF)  
National Council for  
Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)  
26 Bedford Square  
London WC1B 3HU

## The Peckham Experiment

### THE PECKHAM EXPERIMENT

health in Southwark yesterday, today, tomorrow

### PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 23 November at 7.30pm

at the Southwark Institute, Queens Road Centre, St Mary's Road, SE15.

- illustrated talk about the world famous, successful inter-war Peckham Experiment on family health, - information about the current state of health in Southwark - a whole approach to health in the future.

Contributions from former members of the Peckham Experiment doctors and environmental health officers.

Exhibition from 7pm. Refreshments in interval. Followed by parallel discussion on: local history and the Peckham Experiment formation of the Healthy Cities Network in Southwark.

Arranged by the Peckham Society in association with the Queens Road Centre, the Pioneer Health Centre, Kings College Medical School, and Southwark Public Protection Department. Further information from 639-1591.



# CONFERENCES

## THE CHARITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE CHARITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
CONFERENCE CENTRE  
BROAD SANCTUARY  
WESTMINSTER LONDON  
SW1P 3EE

10th November 1988.

A major one-day conference, including presentations and question and answer sessions, enabling debate and discussion on current issues affecting those concerned with the voluntary sector.

For further details, contact: Margaret Dent, promotional Services to Clients, Suite 4, County House, 139-147 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4PT. Tel: 0634-290655.

## DOCKLANDS FORUM

### DOCKLANDS FORUM

are running a one-day conference on the implications for the community of deals negotiated between local authorities and developers.

OCTOBER 20 1988  
WEST HAM TOWN HALL  
STRATFORD BROADWAY  
LONDON E15

## IRISH IN SOUTHWARK

### PECKHAM TOWN HALL

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 1988

The above conference taking place in the Town Hall consists mainly of a number of workshops - including women, Education, Housing, Community Development, Policing, Employment and Leisure. The planning group is looking for an officer representative for each of these subjects areas, to lead the workshops jointly with a representative from a relevant outside organisation.

For further information contact: Patricia Back, Race Unit, - 703-0911 Extn 2136.

## CHILDCARE AND WORK

### CHILDCARE AND WORK

Wednesday 2 November 1988

N.U.T. Headquarters  
Hamilton House, Mabledon Place  
London W.C.1. (opposite Euston Station)

a practical one day conference for trade unionists to help strengthen the campaign for an improved deal for working parents

organised by Workplace Nurseries Campaign and Workplace Nurseries Ltd

# GRANTS

## CRECHE GRANTS FOR SOUTHWARK GROUPS

SOUTHWARK WOMEN COMMITTEE is inviting applications from groups to run creches for their activities.

Groups actively involving people who experience multiple discrimination such as:

Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Vietnamese, Cypriot or other minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, lesbians & gay men, older or young people, unemployed people, are particularly encouraged to apply.

## ACTIVITY/SETTING UP GRANT FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS FROM SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

This grant may be used to run activities, classes, hold an event or help get your group started in Southwark.

Women's groups which actively involve women who experience multiple discrimination such as:

Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Vietnamese, Cypriot or other minority ethnic groups, women with disabilities, older, young or unemployed women, lesbians, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Application forms from:-

Da Choong/Rita Stallard  
Women's Equality Unit  
Graca Machel House  
207 Havil Street  
London, SE5 7SB.  
Tel: 703-0911

Closing date for applications is Friday  
21st October 1988.

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\* BUSINESS MEN MEET THE BUSINESS MINDED \*

SUYP and Apex Trust will be organising a joint training day for people who's interested in business enterprise. Local businessmen will be invited to take part and share experiences of the day to day running of their businesses with the prospective business man.

The first training day will be January 1989.



## GRANTS

The Community Projects Fund is a grant scheme which could help a community or voluntary organisation pay for the services of an architect or professional to do a feasibility study on your project. This might be:

plans for a community hall  
improvements to your estate  
improving your local environment  
AND MORE!

At present funds are available (up to a maximum of £1000) - we especially welcome applications from housing groups, inner city projects and from black and ethnic minority organisations. Please contact: Guy Farrar, Virginia Page or Maureen Read for further details. Closing date for applications is 31 December 1988.



Community Architecture Group Royal Institute of British Architects

Please reply to  
Community Architecture Group  
Royal Institute of British Architects  
66 Portland Place  
London W1N 4AD  
☎ 01-580 5533

## PRACTICAL HOMES PROJECT

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An eight week course at Thomas Calton Centre aimed at people with limited financial resources living in their own homes. The course will combine a series of practical workshops in painting and decorating, doing up old furniture, fitting locks etc, and talks on consumer rights, budgeting, tenants rights etc.

This is 2 pilot scheme for, hopefully, an on-going project. It is hoped that the project's participants will play a large part in selecting the course's content

The Practical Homes Project starts on Wednesday 19 October, and runs each Wednesday for 8 weeks, from 10am-3pm. Creche facilities are available. Contact Liz - 732-9777 or Lorraine - 358-0304 for details.



## PUBLICATIONS

***we  
can't  
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***wished  
away***

**WOMEN AND  
WOMEN'S ISSUES IN THE  
VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

**MAUREEN WILLIAMS**

Although this book is aimed primarily at those who want to improve their anti-sexist practice and their work with women, it provides valuable material for community and social workers in both voluntary and statutory organisations.

Maureen Williams' book starts by helping to recognise women's oppression and explains why we should get involved in anti-sexist work and women's issues. She shows how women who have been the major force in voluntary activity over two centuries have been squeezed out of leadership positions and reinforced in their sex roles.

The questions of what can we do and how can we do it are answered with examples of good practice within CVSNA.

*We Can't Be Wished Away*, the focus of which is Maureen Williams' own but which has the support of CVSNA, will prove an invaluable tool for those committed to improving their practice.

For further information, contact: CVS National Association, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU. Price: £5.75 inclusive.



COUNCILS FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### THE CORPORATE DONOR'S HANDBOOK

A guide to good practice in company charitable giving.

The *Corporate Donor's Handbook* is the first practical handbook devoted specifically to the subject of company charitable support. It is a 160-page large format book which provides a wealth of background information, new ideas, advice, case studies of good practice, and details of the many sources of information and help that are available to companies on all aspects of company giving and sponsorship.

Available from - Directory of Social Change,  
Radius Works, Back Lane, London, NW3 1HL.



## PUBLICATIONS

# CAF

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION  
48 PEMBURY ROAD  
TONBRIDGE, KENT TN9 2JD  
TELEPHONE (0732) 771333

LONDON OFFICE  
18 DOUGHTY STREET  
LONDON WC1N 2PL  
TELEPHONE 01-831 7798

### CHARITY

Essential reading for everyone handling charitable funds

All people involved in charitable work have to be concerned with funds whether giving, receiving or administering them.

Charity speaks their language, providing a monthly forum for new ideas in giving, new ideas in administration in the UK, the USA and elsewhere.

As the sources of charitable funds change and the range of demands - and the size of these - alters in response to national and international pressures Charity readers are kept up to date. Charity serves the professional, the company official responsible for charitable funds and, now, payroll donations, solicitors, accountants, bank managers and trustees. They find it essential reading and many use the pages to air their views.

You will benefit by becoming a regular reader of Charity.

Charity is another publication from the Charities Aid Foundation which has an excellent record for developing communication in the charity field and is itself a unique distributor of charitable funds.

For further information, contact: CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION, 48 PEMBURY ROAD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN9 2JD.

## CHARITY

FOR PEOPLE  
WHO GIVE,  
RECEIVE &  
ADMINISTER  
CHARITABLE  
FUNDS



# J O B S

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT PART-TIME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ INFORMATION WORKER

**GRANTS OFFICER - JOB SHARE (17½ hours)**  
£13,932-£14,673 pro rata-under review

A Grants Officer (Part-time) is required in the newly established Voluntary Sector Grants Unit to give advice and assistance on financial and general management issues, premises, employment etc., to a wide range of voluntary organisations funded by the Council. The work is varied and interesting and will suit someone with a methodical approach experienced in working with community groups and organisations. Applicants should be numerate, experienced in local authority grant aid procedures and in assessing or preparing grant aid applications

For further details contact Elaine Thorpe  
Tel: 01-871-7384.

All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, sex or marital status.

Application forms from Director of Finance, Town Hall, London, SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-871-7592. Please quote ref: 1405.  
Closing date: 14th October 1988.

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Wednesdays 9.30-12.30. Starting dates:  
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For further information, please contact:  
Maggie Bedford or Fay Lashley - 692-0353  
Ext. 367.

### STRESS MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, 11th January, 1989 (10 weeks)-  
Wednesday, 5th April, 1989.

For further information, please contact:  
Linda Edwards or Fay Lashley - 692-0353  
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An experienced person to join an existing team working on diverse local issues.

In addition the worker will have responsibility for developing new and exciting local community information resources.

This post carries an Essential Car Users Allowance.

Further information from Ray Westcott  
CDU - 01 864 0175.

Application forms available from the London Borough of Harrow, Department of Social Services, PO Box 7, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, Middx. Tel: 01 864-5611. Extn 2349, quoting Ref No. Y25-23.

The closing date for this post is 14th October 1988.

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## R.S.A. CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING SKILLS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNING

February 7, 1989 or February 14-July 4, 1989.

For further information, please contact:  
Fay Lashley- 692-0353 Ext. 367.

## SKILLS & INFORMATION FOR ADVICE WORKERS

Spring Term, starting April, 1989. Held  
on Thursday evenings - 6.00pm-9.00pm.

For further information, please contact:  
Maggie Bedford or Fay Lashley - 692-0353  
Ext. 367/384.

# CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA URBAN COMMUNITY STUDIES

## CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA URBAN COMMUNITY STUDIES

### Course Two

The introduction to social and community issues has an emphasis on understanding how communities are made and unmade. You will be encouraged to discuss the ways in which our different histories of class, race, gender and sexuality play a central role in shaping lives, work and communities.

The course will also explore the politics and practices of anti-racist and anti-sexist approaches and you will be asked to draw upon your own experiences in community and in the workplace with a view to developing critical understanding and awareness of these issues.

All are welcome but if you haven't studied for sometime we strongly advise you to take on of the preparatory study skills courses before you start. In you work in the community in either the voluntary or statutory sectors, for a local authority in say, residential, home care or health services or see yourself as having a responsibility to the communities in which you live or work then try this course.

These topics give some idea of what is covered but the final focus will depend on the interest of students.

**CONCEPTS OF COMMUNITY:** employment and "urban change".

**COMMUNITIY FORMATIONS:** patterns of immigration and settlement.

**SOCIAL POLICY:** families; women, age & generation; rights.

**POWER & INEQUALITY:** work, housing, education, law & order.

### **COMMUNITY STRUGGLES & CAMPAIGNS**

**CENTRAL & LOCAL STATE:** inner city politics and policies

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY:** similarities and differences

**SEXUALITY & SOCIAL CONTROL**

### CENTRE:

Islington AEI (Fri from September, 10am-3pm) Tel: 272-6081.

The City Lit (Mon from 26 September, 10.30-3.30pm) Tel: 242-9872.

Hackney AEI (Thur from 29 September, 10am-3pm) Tel: 986-4421.

Morley College (Mon 26 September, 6.30-9.30pm and hours to be arranged). Tel: 928-8501.

Lee Centre, SE12 (Wed 28 September, 10am-3pm) Tel: 852-4700.

This 30 week course is one of a series, which can lead to a Certificate. Other courses are: Childcare & Community; Urban Community Studies; Community, Health & Social Services; African-Caribbean Studies; Irish Studies; Contemporary Black Theatre; South Asian Studies; Race Community & Society Assessment is by course work.

**FEES:** £120.00 (£30.00 unwaged). Fees can be paid in instalments. Fees for optional wxamination £15.00 (£4.00 unwaged).

**FURTHER DETAILS** of advice days, preparatory skills courses and how to apply contacts: Virginia Peters, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of London, 26 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DQ. Tel: 636-8000 extension 3853.

## PRACTICAL MARKETING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS

### **PRACTICAL MARKETING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS**

Marketing courses are being run from 5 October to demonstrate the relevance and importance of marketing to the voluntary sector; provide participants with practical marketing skills and give them the confidence to put these skills into practice. For further information, contact:- Marketing Resource Centre, 11-13 Charterhouse Buildings, London, EC1M 7AN. Tel: 608-1144.



# EXPLORING PARENTHOOD WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS



EXPLORING PARENTHOOD  
WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS  
IN LONDON

All Parents are welcome to attend our workshops on the following themes:

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES**  
Sunday 16th October

**LEARNING TO PLAY**  
Sunday 12th November

**FAMILIES & CHRISTMAS**  
Sunday 4th December

Parents will be able to discuss their concerns with each other and with qualified group leaders.

**FEES:**  
£15 per person  
£23 per couple  
£7 concessionary rate

All fees include lunch and refreshments.

Further reductions are available - phone for further details.

**WORKSHOPS NEXT TERM**

**PARENTING ALONE**  
Sunday 29th January

**STEP-PARENTS, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS**  
Sunday 26th February

**STRESS FOR PARENTS**  
Sunday 5th March

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES**  
Sunday 12th March

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**  
Sunday 19th March

For further details and booking, please contact:

EXPLORING PARENTHOOD  
41 North Road, London, N7 9DP.  
Tel: 607-9647.

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## LEARN HOW TO SPEAK TO YOUR DEAF-BLIND CLIENTS

**SENSE**

### LEARN HOW TO SPEAK TO YOUR DEAF-BLIND CLIENTS

SENSE feel that awareness among the public services would make a great deal of difference to the lives of deaf-blind people in this country. Deaf-Blind people would make use of the communication if it were there.

SENSE in conjunction with the RAD Centre at 258 Green Lanes, London, N7, is holding a Deaf-Blind Awareness Course over a six week period on Monday nights from 17th October to 21st November 1988.

For further information regarding this course, contact: SENSE- The National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, 311 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8PT. Tel No: 278-1005.

## LEARN AT THE BOOKPLACE

If you're itching to learn, whatever your age, The Bookplace on Peckham Road could be the place for you.

The centre begins its new academic year in the next few days. Courses run right through from basic skills to examination standard.

On offer are black studies, basics of English, return to study for examinations, Creole writing, maths and computing and English for bilingual women.

The fee is just £3 for the whole year, however many classes you take. Just call in for a chat with the tutors and to sign up for courses.

The Bookplace also runs a drop-in service where anyone who needs help filling in forms, writing official letters can call in at any time.

For further information, contact: The Bookplace, Tel: 701-1757.

# HOTEL & CATERING TRAINING BOARD

UNEMPLOYED?  
IN A RUT?  
LOOKING FOR WORK WITH  
A REAL FUTURE?

If you live in North Peckham we can help you get a start in London's booming hotel, restaurant and tourist industry - completely free!

In just 6 weeks you could have a City and Guilds certificate in food preparation, food service or bar work thanks to a new scheme called Open Door Peckham.

London's tourist industry is growing so fast that employers just can't find enough trained people to fill the new jobs.

At the moment there are around 5,000 vacancies in London.

There are jobs to suit everyone in all kinds of places: hotels, restaurants, wine-bars and pubs - even in City offices, canteens, or large institutions like hospitals.

After the college training and work experience you'll get on Open Door Peckham, one of these jobs could easily be yours.

Anyone living in North Peckham can qualify to come on Open Door.

It doesn't matter if you're currently working, signing on, or just looking after the kids at home. And it doesn't matter how old you are or whether or not you have any previous work experience.

If you're signing on you won't lose any of your benefit.

The next Open Door course starts on October 10th. Come and find out more- without obligation- at the North Peckham Task Force offices, above McDonalds, 72 Rye Lane (entrance around the side in Holly Place). Information sessions will be held on Friday, September 23rd, Tuesday and Wednesday October 4th and 5th. All sessions between 2pm and 5pm.

Open Door Peckham is funded by the North Peckham Task Force and operated by the Hotel & Catering Training Board.

# CAMPAIGN WORKING SICKLE CELL PARTY

## SICKLE CELL CAMPAIGN WORKING PARTY

With reference to the above the next Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia planning meeting has been rescheduled for:-

5th October, 1988

10.30 a.m

Committee Room 1

207 Havil Street, SE5 3SB

For further information, contact: Carol Strachan - Race Health Adviser. Tel: 703-0911 Ext. 2125.

## SICKLE FOCUS DAY

The Sickle Cell Conference Working Party intended date is for the end of November 1988.

All those who are interested and wish to participate please contact the following:-

Carol Strachan  
Race Health Adviser  
207 Havil Street  
SE5 3SB.

Tel: 703-0911 ext.2125

Dr. Teltey  
Southwark Phoenix Women  
Organisation  
14140 Frien Road  
SE22  
693-8956

Tel:



# EMPLOYMENT TRAINING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

## EMPLOYMENT TRAINING- COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES..

Statement from The National Council For Voluntary Organisations:-

Most organisations should be aware that the TUC has now withdrawn support for Employment Training and that the Government has declared its intention to abolish the Training commission. NCVO in a letter to the Secretary of State has regretted the demise of the Training Commission but also takes up the issue of what arrangements should replace it.

NCVO advice at this stage is that:

1. Organisations participating in ET should both review their involvement in the light of relationships with local trade unions and assess the local impact of the TUC boycott. NCVO is anxious to receive feedback on these issues.

2. Despite the fact that Area Manpower Boards (and all other advisory bodies) have been suspended, the existing AMB representative or an appropriate person or organisation should ensure that voluntary sector concerns are still represented direct to the TC Area office.

3. NCVO will now be dealing directly with the Government about the replacement for the Training Commission. Views are urgently sought on what sort of the local and national arrangements you think there ought to be.

The Government and the TC have said that there will be no effect in the short-term on the arrangements for the delivery of TC programmes, however, it is likely that there will be some radical long-term changes in how programmes are delivered locally.

The Government will probably use this opportunity to make the delivery and administration of all existing TC programmes much more employer-based and voluntary organisations will need to reassess the nature of their involvement and the most effective way of participating if they choose to.

SCVS will be arranging speakers for a voluntary sector meeting to discuss Employment Training. We will send out details of this shortly.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TRAINING

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TRAINING  
AT  
THOMAS CALTON CENTRE  
ALPHA STREET  
SE15

4 EVENINGS:

MONDAY 31st October  
WEDNESDAY 2nd November

MONDAY 7th November  
WEDNESDAY 9th November

Time: 7pm-9pm.

Suitable for all management committee members.

Course will cover:

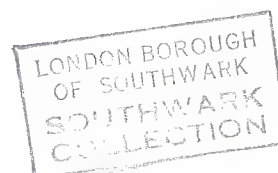
Legal and financial responsibilities of the committee.

Accountability to funders and users.

Employing and liaising with staff.

Decision making and Equal opportunities.

For further information contact: Nuala Conlan - SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, SE15. Tel: 732-3731.



# ZARA MUSLIM WOMEN'S GROUP

## ZARA MUSLIM WOMEN'S GROUP

The Zara Muslim Women's Group is a self-help group of Asian women and their children based at Thomas Calton Centre, Alpha Street, Peckham, SE15. The group is funded by the London Borough of Southwark and is open to all women living in Southwark and neighbouring areas.

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aim of Zara Muslim Women's Group is:-

To provide a forum for women in Southwark to meet together and discuss issues of concern to women in the Borough.

To provide and safeguard their cultural, educational, socio-economical interests.

To provide help to needy families to work for their general welfare.

To provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.

To fight racism, sexism and strive for equal opportunities for women.

To organise language classes in Urdu, English Islamic Study and History.

To foster a sense of cultural identity for our young people growing up in England.

We also run Playschemes for children during the Summer and Easter Holidays.

We are also planning to run training for employment as soon as possible.

AS WELL AS PROVIDING ADVICE, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION.

For further information contact: Zara on Tel: 358-0697.

### TIMETABLE

A CRECHE IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIME

WE ALSO HAVE MAGAZINES, BOOKS, VIDEOS, ASIAN MUSIC AND CASSETTES.

BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT  
YOUTH PROJECT

**PICKWICK**

1-5 RUSHWORTH ST SE1  
01-633 0383

We as a Daytime group of unwaged people, ages between 16-25 (both male and female), meet every Thursday 1.00pm-4.00pm.

As a positive group we placed an emphasis on interesting activities. We have recently been ice skating and to the Theatre. There are plans to go Go Karting, to the Television Studios and possibly on a weekend holiday.

From 1.00pm until 2.00pm, people can come along and use the centre informally. From 2.00pm until 4.00pm we lay on a structured activity.

We meet at the above address and welcome other young people to come and join us.

CONTACT: Ed. Kelly or Caroline Lister.  
BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT YOUTH PROJECT  
PICKWICK  
1-5 RUSHWORTH STREET,  
LONDON  
S.E.1. Tel: 633-0383.

## **SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKERS AT AREA 7**

### **SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKERS AT AREA 7**

A first for Southwark - A specialist social workers team based at Area 7. (1) Afro-Caribbean Social Worker, (1) West African Social Worker, (1) Asian Social Worker and (1) Greek Cypriot Social Worker due to start soon.

Groups wanting to use the services of Social Service and the specialist workers can telephone Area 7.

Apart from case work, the workers can be supportive to the groups in the area.

For further information contact:

AREA 7  
64-68 CAMBERWELL CHURCH STREET,  
CAMBERWELL,  
S.E.5.



# DULWICH VOLUNTEER BUREAU

## CAN WE HELP YOU ?

Does your organisation:-

Use volunteers?

Need volunteers now?

The Dulwich Volunteer Bureau (DVB) provides a job-search in south Southwark for would be volunteers of all ages and interests.

To publicise your openings contact:-

**Marjorie Storey, Organiser, DVB.,**

**St. Barnabas Church,**

**Calton Avenue,**

**SE21.**

Tel No: 299-1548. (24 hours).

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Do you have.....

**TIME TO SPARE?**

**EXPERIENCE WITH UNDER OR OVER FIVES?**

We need **responsible** volunteers to help with our Creches for under-Fives, and our holiday playschemes for over-Fives. If you feel you could help, please contact:

Jane Fisher

Dr Barnado's

St. John's Community & Day Care Centre

4 St. John's Crescent

Brixton, SW9 7LZ.

Tel: 733-2141.



# GRANTS

## "OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING"

### SPECIAL MEETING "OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING" GRANTS

"Opportunities for Volunteering" is a grants scheme administered through national voluntary agencies which aims to expand voluntary work in the fields of health and personal social services and to develop opportunities for **unemployed people** to undertake voluntary work.

Applications are now being invited from local voluntary groups for projects lasting up to three years and costing up to £30,000 a year. Grants can include costs of salaries, rent and other running costs, and equipment and other capital costs.

You are just as welcome to apply if you want a piece of equipment for an existing project as if you want a grant to meet all the ongoing costs of running a new project. Priority will be given to projects run by and for women, those run by and for black and ethnic minority communities, and group for people with disabilities.

The closing date for applications will be Friday, 4th November. Before then BVSC will be organising a meeting at which you will be able to find out more about "Opportunities for Volunteering" and obtain advice on completing applications. The meeting will be as follows:

**DATE: Wednesday 12th October 1988**

**TIME: 7.30pm.**

**VENUE: Staff Restaurant, Civic Offices,  
Bexleyheath**

For further information, please contact  
Andrew Cresswell at BVSC - 01-304-0911.

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# UNITED NATIONS IN SOUTHWARK

## UNITED NATIONS WEEK IN SOUTHWARK

22nd. - 30th. OCTOBER, 1988.

# 22ND-30TH OCT

SATURDAY 22nd. OCTOBER 10.15 for 10.30a.m.

THE UNFURLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG over the Town Hall, Peckham Road, by the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Rita Sergeant, preceded by a short inter-faith ceremony in the Council Chamber, conducted by Imam Khawaja Mustaneer Ahmed, Mr. Amar Singh, the Ven. Douglas Bartles-Smith, the Revd. Michael Cooley, Mr. Madan Kalis, Brother Sam King, Miss Joan Rich, the Revd. Thich Tri-Canh, and the Revd. Patricia Wardle. The Director of the United Nations Information Centre, London, Dr. Erik Jensen, will speak briefly on the work of the United Nations and answer questions. The Calvary Church of God Youth Choir will sing.

FLAG DAY IN AID OF UNA/UNICEF APPEAL. Offers of help (even one or two hours), if over 16, to Mrs. V. George, 15 GILKES CRESCENT, SE21 (693 1500). Donations may also be sent to this address.

11 a.m. onwards  
STALL AND DISPLAY. Camberwell Green (Arranged by Southwark Amnesty Group).

8 p.m.  
"SUCCESS OR FAILURE": a Caribbean musical. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, at junction with Peckham Park Road. Tickets £4 (£2 concessions) from Southwark Arts Box Office, 186 Walworth Road, SE17 (703 2917). (Produced by Umoja Theatre Company).

SUNDAY 23rd. OCTOBER 10 a.m.

PARISH MASS WITH THE THEME OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. The Congregation will be pleased to welcome visitors, especially from overseas, and for coffee afterwards. St. Giles Church Camberwell Church Street.

10.30 a.m.  
SUNG EUCHARIST FOR ONE WORLD WEEK.

Traidcraft Stall. Refreshments. St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill.

11.00 a.m.  
AFRICA SERVICE, for One World Week, followed by lunch. United Reformed Church, East Dulwich Grove.

11.00 a.m.  
SUNG COMMUNION ON THEME OF ONE WORLD WEEK. Traidcraft Stall. Refreshments. St. Savior's Church, Herne Hill Road.

6.30 p.m.  
ONE FOR PEACE: an ecumenical service. Refreshments afterwards. St. Mary Newington Church, Kennington Park Road.

7.00 p.m.  
EVENING PRAYER FOR ONE WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE. St. Peter's Church, 522 Lordship Lane.

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER

UNITED NATIONS DAY. The 43rd. anniversary of the coming into force of the Charter of the United Nations.

7.00 p.m.  
EVENING PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE. St. Peter's Church, 522 Lordship Lane.

8.00 p.m.  
EXTREME POVERTY - A CHALLENGE TO DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. Discussion. Refreshments. 48 Addington Square, Camberwell (Arranged by ATD Fourth World).

TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER

7.00 p.m.  
EVENING PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE. St. Peter's Church, 522 Lordship Lane.

7.00 p.m.  
POLLUTION - GLOBAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL. Speaker from Friend of the Earth. Discussion. Copleston Hall, Copleston Road (Arranged by Dulwich SLD).

WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

7.00 p.m.  
EVENING PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE. St. Peter's Church, 522 Lordship Lane.

7.30 p.m.  
MASS FOR WORLD PEACE. St. John's Church, Larcom Street.

8.00 p.m.  
JUSTICE AND SCRIPTURE TALK. St. Peter's Monastery, 522 Lordship Lane.

THURSDAY 2

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# **TIONS WEEK** **THWARK** **OCTOBER 1988.**

THURSDAY 27th. OCTOBER

7.30 p.m.

**AFRICAN MASS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE.**  
 St. Mary Newington Church, Kennington Park Road

7.45 p.m.

**ONE WORLD WEEK EVENING.**

St. Matthew's Church, New Kent Road,  
 (Arranged by North Southwark Justice Development Group).

8.00 p.m.

**GLASGOW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE U.S.A.** Anne Thompson, Keston College.  
 Coffee. Dulwich Library Hall, 378 Lordship Lane (Arranged by the Southwark/Dulwich Branch of U.N.A.).

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

6.00 p.m.

**WEST AFRICAN CULTURAL EVENING.** Displays. Refreshments. Speakers (Obai Mohamed; Aliu Kanu, Ibrahim Sesay). Proceeds to UNICEF Appeal. 45 Hordle Promenade North North Peckham Estate. Tickets £2 from Southwark African Organisation (701-712 or at the door.

7.00 p.m.

**EVENING PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE.**  
 St. Peter's Church, 522 Lordship Lane.

7.30 p.m.

**MAKING PEACE WITH THE PLANET.** Workshops. Games. Light refreshments. Walworth Methodist Church, Clubland, Camberwell Road.

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S BALLOON EVENT.** Proceeds to UNICEF Appeal. Peckham Rye Park (opposite Kings Arms). (Arranged by Southwark Green Party).



SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

10.30 a.m.

**UNITED NATIONS CIVIC SERVICE** at St. George the Martyr Church, Borough High Street, Southwark. Conducted by the Revd. David Howes, assisted by Pastor James Ozigi and the Revd. Patricia Wardle. Preacher: Simon Hughes, M.P. To be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor, the Mayoress, Members of the borough Council and representatives of local organisations. All welcome. Refreshments after the service.

6.30 p.m.

**UNITED SERVICE FOR ONE WORLD WEEK.** Preacher Jenny Hunt, Justice and Development Officer, Southwark Diocese. Coffee afterwards. Peckham Methodist Church, Queen's Road. (Arranged by Churches of North Peckham).

## THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Photoposters illustrating some aspect of the work of the United Nations will be on display at: The Town Hall; Camberwell Church Street Library; Age Concern, 239 Rye Lane; Social Services Office, 29 Camberwell Road; London Bridge Financial Services, 298 Walworth Road; and elsewhere in the Borough.

"Loads of Rubbish" or One World in Your Dustbin. A d-i-y display kit for Churches, Schools, and other groups, will be available in October from Southwark World Development group, Richard Morris, 01 -693 8315.

**ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.**  
 This week is also the week of Prayer for World Peace and One World Week.

For further information about the United Nations Association please apply to the Chairman of the local Branch - Mrs. Jane Carter, 27 GILKES CRESCENT, S.E. 21.

**PLEASE HELP SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO PUBLICISE THIS PROGRAMME BY USING THESE PAGES AS A MINI POSTER.**

THANK YOU.









Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane, London SE15

Telephone 01-732 3731



DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER 1988

COME ALONG TO THE  
SCVS

## CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

ON

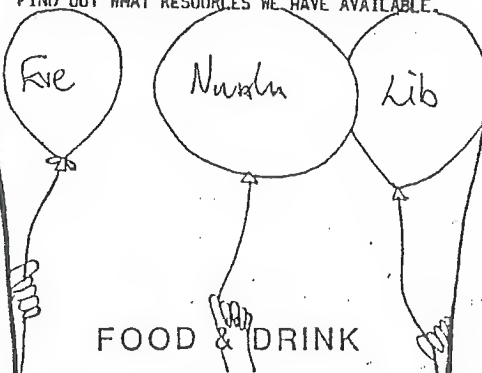
WEDNESDAY

14th DECEMBER 1988

at 3.00pm til 8.00pm

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER  
YOU AND YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS.

FIND OUT WHAT RESOURCES WE HAVE AVAILABLE.



FOOD & DRINK  
WILL BE SERVED

OR JUST COME FOR THE MUSIC

AT

135 RYE LANE (above Times Furnishing)

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



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# APOLOGY



## S.C.V.S. APOLOGISES FOR H.A.T.S ARTICLE

Councillor Mark Howarth  
Members Room  
Town Hall,  
Peckham Road, SE5. 8UB

Dear Mark Howarth,

Re; letter from P.I.C. about consultation  
on establishment of a H.A.T.

Thank you for your letter of the 31st October 1988 and for bringing this matter to our attention. The Executive Committee of SCVS are also extremely concerned that this letter from PIC was included in the SCVS Newsletter and further was included without comment, explanation or the knowledge and approval of the SCVS Executive Committee.

It is certainly not SCVS intention ever to undermine the work of the community, the Councils Housing Bill co-ordination group or the two Tenants Associations involved. Further the worker involved will be asked to write a formal letter of apology to the above mentioned groups and this letter will appear in the next issue of the SCVS newsletter. The Executive Committee of SCVS has now set up an editorial board and will also print a retraction and apology in the next newsletter.

Once again thank you for bringing this to our notice and accept our assurances that nothing like this will happen again.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Richards  
SCVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

cc. Cllr Anne Matthews, David Bogle,  
Mary Ellery, Debbie Welch, Danny McCarthy  
Ali Bali, Sandy Cameron.

# TRUST FOR LONDON

SMALL GROUPS APPLY NOW\*

NOTES OF A VOLUNTARY SECTOR MEETING HELD  
ON 10th NOVEMBER WITH EVELYN OLDFIELD  
FROM THE TRUST FOR LONDON

## BRIEF BACKGROUND

The Trust, managed by the City Parochial Foundation, was set up with an endowment of £10million from the GLC. The £½million income generated by this endowment is for the provision of grants to small groups.

## PRIORITIES

Small groups only: Black groups, Women's groups and others. Definition of a 'small group': no more than the equivalent of 2 full-time paid members of staff (this includes part-time and/or sessional staff).

## POLICIES

THERE ARE THREE PROGRAMMES

1. Across London Programme for black groups and women's groups. Groups can apply at any time for one-off grants of up to £500.
2. Borough Programme: the Trust will award one-off grants of up to £5,000 to groups in eight boroughs in 1988, eight in 1989, eight in 1990 and eight in 1991. SOUTHWARK IS DESIGNATED FOR FUNDING IN 1989.
3. Small Grants Programme: groups can apply at any time for one-off grants of up to £500.

Grants in the above programmes must have an impact eg. setting up, training, publicity, equipment etc, and groups:  
-must be independant ie not funded through larger organisations.  
-can service more than one borough.  
-do not have to be registered charities but must have charitable purposes.  
-cannot have reserves of more than £2,000 uncommitted expenditure.

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-can apply for a grant in one Programme only and must wait twelve months to re-submit an unsuccessful application. They can however apply for something else.  
 -cannot apply for a grant if alternative sources still have to be found to meet the request.

The Trust will not fund:

Holidays  
 Major Capital Schemes  
 General Appeals  
 Individuals  
 Research  
 Part of a full-time salary  
 Replacement of statutory Authority Grants  
 Umbrella Groups for distribution

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 85% OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

## PROCEDURES

### TAKING EFFECT FROM NOW:

Phone Evelyn Oldfield at the Trust on **353 - 5678 (Monday afternoons or Fridays)** or write to her at the Trust for London, **10 FLEET STREET, LONDON EC4Y 1AU.** (explain briefly) what you want and give your address and phone number).

She will make sure your request fits the guidelines and arrange to visit you to discuss your project and application in more detail.

No application forms will be sent. All groups will be visited.

A constitution and Income and Expenditure account will be required. However the Trust can provide expertise to help set up and advise on bookkeeping systems, or to help with the application.

When the application is complete Evelyn Oldfield will make a recommendation to the Trust's Grants' Committee (5 Trustees from Charities Aid Foundation and 3 London voluntary sector representatives) who meet every six weeks.

It takes five days for the decision to be notified and three weeks for a cheque to be issued.

If you want more information contact: Evelyn Oldfield at the Trust for London, or Lib or Nuala at S.C.V.S.



## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

### INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR A GRANT

#### BACKGROUND

The BBC Children In Need Appeal started as a radio appeal to help needy children at Christmas time. That was in 1927. Since 1980, the Appeal has been made on a much larger scale through both radio and television and is able to help children all over the U.K. In 1987, £13.9million was raised and approximately 8750 grants were made by Appeals Committees based in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England, and by sub-committees in the North East, North West, Midlands, South West and South East regions of England.

#### AIMS OF THE APPEAL

The Appeal aims to help children and young people in need in the UK as follows

- \* those with mental, physical or sensory disabilities.
- \* those with behavioural or psychological disorders.
- \* those living in poverty or in situations of deprivation.
- \* those suffering through distress, abuse or neglect.

#### APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited from non profit making groups and organisations working with children in need aged 18 years and under (there is some flexibility up to 21 years in special cases of severe disability).

The Appeal does not consider applications from:

- the friend and families of individual children.
- organisations dealing with children outside the UK (except for the British Forces abroad)
- organisations whose main concern is to raise funds for distribution to other charities or organisations.

## GRANT GUIDELINES

The Appeal gives grants to projects which are of **direct benefit** to children. Thus applications requesting grants for adult use, including meetings, training, holidays, equipment, therapy or counselling are **not** likely to succeed.

Where possible the Appeal prefers to deal with the **local branches** of an organisation rather than the national or regional headquarters. Although national or regional organisations may apply, priority will be given to projects meeting a local need or those of an innovative nature which will lead to the provision of local services.

There is no minimum grant for which you may apply. The Appeal receives thousands of requests for small sums of under £500.

The Maximum grant is, in most cases, £15,000 although the Appeals Committee have discretion to award amounts up to £25,000, the £15,000 limit is seldom exceeded.

For projects with a need for sums in excess of £25,000, a separate 'Special Projects' information leaflet is available from the address given below. The number of such grants will be strictly limited and competition is certain to be stiff. All such applications should demonstrate that the project is the result of considerable thought and consultation.

Groups/organisations may submit only one **application per Appeal year** which is July 1st- June 30th. This means making a choice between the two closing dates (below) and between a standard or a 'Special Project' application.

In addition to provision for funding short term temporary staff and sessional staff, there is some very limited provision for funding the staff and administration costs of pilot projects. Such grants will **not** exceed 2 years and applicants must show evidence of strategic thinking about the future funding of the project.

Feasibility studies/action research/evaluation projects may be considered if they can be completed within two years and if the end result directly benefits children, but these will be given low priority.

Applications from groups and organisations for equipment to enhance the home life of sick or disabled individual children (mobility/communication/medical aids for independent living) must confirm that:

- a. the needs of the child have been professionally assessed.
- b. the applicant group/organisation will take responsibility for ensuring that any equipment conforms to safety regulations and is suitably insured.
- c. the applicant group will take responsibility for ensuring that equipment is passed to another organisation when it is no longer required by the beneficiary.

Grants will not be provided:

for children to travel abroad.

for medical treatment.

to relieve a statutory body of its duties and responsibilities.

to finance deficits or loans or to provide retrospective funding.

as a contribution to general appeals. The Appeal funds are limited to specific projects.

## CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

There will be two closing dates this year for standard applications:

NOVEMBER 30th 1988 and APRIL 30th 1989.

We hope that this will prove to be a more satisfactory arrangement for those awaiting the outcome of their applications for holiday grants. Please allow at least 4 months for a decision. Please remember, groups and organisations may submit only one application a year and this may be either a standard or 'Special Project' application.

The last date for the Appeal to receive 'Special Project' application is April 30th 1989.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION FORM TO:  
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL  
BROADCASTING SUPPORT SERVICES  
252 WESTERN AVENUE,  
LONDON W3 6XJ.

Tel: 01 992 - 7043



# GRANTS INFORMATION

## TRAINING GRANTS FOR SOUTHWARK PROJECTS

Southwark's Jobs & Industry Committee has been allocated £25,000 by the Department of the Environment as part of the borough's Inner Area Programme.

Training projects within Southwark are invited to apply for all or part of this sum, which must be spent by April 1989. The money should be used to enable your training objectives to be more effectively met by either:

1. Renewing/updating equipment for existing schemes.
2. Design or construction work for new Existing schemes.

Only projects which engage in job-related training are eligible to apply, as all applications will have to be approved by the Council's Jobs and Industry Committee the Department of the Environment and the Training Agency, (formerly the Training Commission).

Further details and application forms are available from Eve Winston, Employment & Training Division,  
Angel Court,  
199 Borough High Street,  
London SE1 1JA.

01 403 - 3322 x 2271

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE 6th JANUARY 1989.

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS: GRANT AID

If you are thinking of running a holiday playscheme at Spring Half Term and/or Easter 1989, then the closing dates for your applications for grant-aid are as follows:

Spring Half Term - MONDAY 9th JANUARY 89  
Easter Holiday - FRIDAY 20th JANUARY 1989

If you would like an application form for either of these holiday periods please contact myself or Valencia Nichols at the Address given below.

Sarah Newton  
Assistant Grants Co-ordinator

SOUTHWARK GRANTS CO-ORDINATION UNIT  
TOWN HALL PECKHAM ROAD,  
LONDON SE5 8UB.

Tel: 01 703-6311 x 2041

## MAJOR COMPANIES AND THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING

(1989/90 edition) £12.50 net

This new book describes in detail all kinds of voluntary sector help from the 300 biggest UK companies. In depth information is provided on how each company supports the communities in which it operates, so that intelligent and well-researched approaches can be made. The guide includes information on arts sponsorship, secondment of staff and support for enterprise projects.

## CHARITIES AND BROADCASTING (1988) £5.95 net

In 1988 British voluntary organisations will have raised about £70 million through radio and television. This is the fastest growing and most exciting area of charity fundraising. Charities and Broadcasting provides the first-ever survey of the charity and community activities of every TV company, radio station and cable operator in the UK. Every charity should exploit its relations with its local radio station or TV company, and this guide explains how.

# FUNDING PUBLICATIONS

## ESSENTIAL GUIDES FOR EVERY CHARITY

There is no simple way of raising money, but it can be made easier. The Directory of Social Change's grants guides give details of £500 million available to voluntary organisations and will help you raise money with confidence.

"An indispensable part of the library of anyone involved in voluntary work"

**GUIDE TO THE MAJOR TRUSTS**  
(1988/89 edition £12.50 net

This edition provides more detail than has ever been published before on the UK's grant making trusts. It covers around £250 million which is distributed to charity every year. Information is given on the policies and practices of over 400 trusts, with details of the actual grants they make. It is essential for anyone raising money from trusts.

**A GUIDE FOR COMPANY GIVING**  
(1989/90 edition) £12.50 net

Now into its third edition, this book details the charitable giving of over 1,300 large companies which make donations of over £100 million each year to charity. Companies' charitable giving is now a major source of revenue for voluntary organisations and every charity needs to know how much money is available whom to apply to, and what policies companies have. The book gives all this information, plus articles on sponsorship tax-effective company giving and how to prepare a successful appeal.

**THE ARTS FUNDING GUIDE**  
(1988) £7.95 net

A must for all arts organisations or projects. It includes information and advice on fundraising and describes all the major official sources such as the Arts Council, Regional Arts Associations, Area Museum Councils and Regional Tourist Boards. It also offers advice on obtaining support from local authorities, trusts and industry.

For information or if you want to order any of the above publications contact:

**THE DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE**  
**RADIUS WORKS,**  
**BACK LANE, LONDON NW3 1HL.**

01 435 - 8171

# INVITATION TO THE TURKISH COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

**CALLING ALL TURKISH SPEAKING PEOPLE  
LIVING IN SOUTHWARK !!**

"There are approx 20 thousand Turkish speaking people living in Southwark and Turkish is the largest spoken language after English".

**IN SPITE OF THIS:**

- The services provided by the Council for the Turkish community are insufficient.
- The rate of unemployment is very high among the Turkish community.
- There are no Turkish councillors nor Turkish speaking people at the decision-making bodies.
- Turkish speaking people are very much under-represented in the Council as employees.
- The local government has ignored the Turkish speaking community to date.

**THEREFORE:**

**WE, THE TURKISH COMMUNITY, FROM CYPRUS AND TURKEY, LIVING, WORKING, VOTING AND PAYING RATES IN SOUTHWARK, LET US KNOW.**

- \* articulate our problems and find ways in which to solve them, especially on the issues of employment, housing, health, education, training, social services, economic, youth, nursery, representation.
- \* make our demands to the Council and other authorities concerned.
- \* act together with other ethnic minority communities to ensure that Council's equal opportunities policy is applied to everyone.
- \* establish a "Turkish Community Centre" (which will - bring the community closer and promote solidarity; preserve our identity, mother-tongue, culture and traditions; act as an advice and resource centre for all issues concerning the community to have full and equal access to all these services; deal with youth and women's issues, and which will raise a common voice).



WE ARE INVITING ALL TURKISH SPEAKING PEOPLE (MEN, WOMEN, YOUTH) FROM CYPRUS AND TURKEY, TO ATTEND THE FIRST TURKISH COMMUNITY CONFERENCE IN SOUTHWARK

to be held at: Peckham Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 on Sunday, 4th December, 1988, 2.00pm - 5.00pm

P.S. Some Councillors and Council officers will be present at the Conference and Creche will be available.

Organised by: Southwark Turkish Cypriot Women's Group in conjunction with "Southwark Turkish Community Association".

For more information please write to: 12, Walcorde Avenue, London. SE17 or phone 732 6328 Mrs Emel and 884 0268 Ms Suzanne (night).

## B.V.S.C.W.I.

### BLACK VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMUNITY WORKERS INITIATIVE

The Black Voluntary Sector Community Workers Initiative is a group of Black voluntary workers who have began meeting to look at aspects of training that have traditionally been ignored by mainstream training organisations.

The Group was formed in 1987 and has met regularly to discuss what their training needs are as black workers. Anybody who is black and works in the London Borough of Southwark are welcome to attend

Recent training events have included a course on black women and men working together plus the issues around professionalism and sexism.

The group spent a weekend out o London in October 1987 discussing various issues around these subjects. The weekend proved to be a great success and further training weekends away and provisions of specialist training courses are planned for the future.

The group meets in February 1989 to recruit new members to continue to exchange ideas. Anyone wishing to be included should contact: ACE EDWARDS on 708 1643 or MONIKA MURRAY on 701 1038

# VACANCIES

## BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT

### BLACKFRIARS HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PROJECT

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#### FINANCE PROJECT WORKER

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Tel: 928 9521.

**CLOSING DATE 5 DECEMBER 1988.**

Blackfriars Settlement has an equal opportunities policy.

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ASSISTANT DETACHED YOUTH-WORKER

To continue to develop our work with young people in this neighbourhood which includes the new Docklands Development. We are seeking someone to work particularly with young women and ethnic minorities.

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The Administrator, CUM,  
43 OLD JAMAICA ROAD,  
London SE16 4TE. Tel: 237 - 3788.  
Closing date: 9.12.88.

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# S.C.V.S. STAFF PROFILES

**POSITION : COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER**

**FULL TIME: 36 HOURS**

**BASIC HOURS: 10.00 - 5.15 (Mon-Fri)**

**DATE STARTED: FEBRUARY 1988.**

## CURRENT WORK:-

-Supporting and advising community workers and groups on many different issues. This can vary from where to get a mini-bus to how to find £50,000 for a new project.

### **Post YTS group:**

I am active in the Post YTS group. A youth action group in Southwark. The group has existed for 3 years and has organised projects such as Young Adults Taster Training, and Southwark Youth Development (SYD). A valuable resource for community workers and young unemployed in Southwark is the Southwark Youth Handbook produced by the group.

-I advise groups on fundraising. We have a library of funding leaflets and books here at SCVS for all to use.

### **Community Development Forum: Planning Group:**

This group is the organising group of the CDF. We are primarily a lobbying group for community workers in Southwark.

The group produced an Anti-Racist Strategy Paper, and a Strategy for Community Development in Southwark both of which are currently going through the council channels.

### **Training Group:**

As a member of this group I have organised training events for the voluntary sector in Southwark. These have been in Time Management, Fundraising and Equal Opportunities. I am particularly aware that the training needs of black groups and womens groups are not being met at the moment. I would like to have more feedback from these groups on their training needs.

## BACKGROUND:

Before moving from Ireland to London in 1986 I worked for a number of projects and campaigns in a voluntary capacity.

These included homelessness, adult literacy, womens education, abortion rights, and divorce action.

I worked in a small voluntary project with young unemployed people before joining SCVS.

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

-Fundraising.

-Support and advice to management committees and workers.

-Advice on setting up groups.

-Support to voluntary youth workers particularly those who work on issues related to unemployment particularly young black and womens groups.

**Nuala Conlan**

**November 1988.**

**POSITION : COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER**

**PART TIME: 21 HOURS**

**BASIC HOURS: 9.30 - 4.30 \* Mon/Tues/Thurs  
or Tues/Wed/Thursday.**

**DATE STARTED : JANUARY 1986.**

## CURRENT WORK:- (Being Reviewed)

-Advice and support to community groups eg; on setting up projects, management responsibilities, fundraising,. I am currently working mainly with black groups, womens groups and under fives groups.

-One of my special areas of work has been on under fives issues and I am spending some time talking to relevant groups about how they feel SCVS should be working in this area in the future. (A particular concern when Southwarks education Department takes over responsibility for under fives).

-We regularly provide information in the SCVS newsletter on new and existing areas of funding and we are in the early stages of producing a basic funding guide which will be aimed at new or inexperienced groups. I am visiting organisations to research the best format and content of the guide.



### BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

I moved from Birmingham to London about twelve years ago and have been involved in the voluntary sector for seven years, three of these as a paid worker. Prior to working for SCVS I was involved as Chair or Treasurer on the Management Committee of various community groups including anti-racist groups, womens groups, a family centre, and other child-care projects.

### SKILLS TO OFFER:

- Fundraising
- Book-keeping
- General Advice and support to management committees and staff.

A particular priority is for new or inexperienced groups to be offered help.

Lib Dunn

November 1988.

### JOINT WORK OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS

The Community Support Workers share responsibility for some areas of work. These are:

-Training Management Committees and/or workers. We are anxious to hear from groups who would be interested in receiving training sessions (free) from us. Our priorities will be new and inexperienced groups. We hope this will be a particular focus of our work in the future.

-Convening and servicing regular and one-off voluntary sector forums and meetings eg; the Voluntary Sector Working Group on Cuts, and seminars on new and existing areas of funding.

-Collecting and sending out information to groups either through our newsletter or the voluntary sector mailing list. This goes out to approximately 500 groups. We would like to hear from other small or unfunded groups which could be added to this list.

Nuala Conlan

Lib Dunn.

Community Support Workers

### POSITION: ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE MANAGEMENT

FULL TIME : 36 HOURS

BASIC HOURS 10.00 - 5.15 Mon-Fri

DATE STARTED: January 1986

### CURRENT WORK:

Filing away member organisations information eg. Annual Reports, Briefing Papers, Newsletters, Specialists groups. Ordering publication for SCVS Library and for the voluntary sectors use, on grant giving charities, government issues etc.

-Duplicate leaflets for groups for inclusion in the SCVS newsletter, or for their own personal use. I also train groups and individuals on how to use the various machines in SCVS.

-I deal with staffs personnel records. I also order the office stationery, some groups purchase paper and duplicator ink from us, because we sometimes buy in bulk. This helps some groups enormously.

-I type up and do the layout for the SCVS newsletter. I will also do some typing for groups if they need something urgently, but I would need some notice.

### BACKGROUND:

I moved to Southwark 6 years ago. I became involved in the voluntary sector in 1983. I started doing voluntary work with Southwark Unemployed Youth Project during the Miners Dispute. I was also involved with the setting up of a community project for mothers on the North Peckham Estate. I started working with the Employment Unit and Housing Advice Resource Unit within SCVS in 1984.

EVE ERSKINE

NOVEMBER 1988



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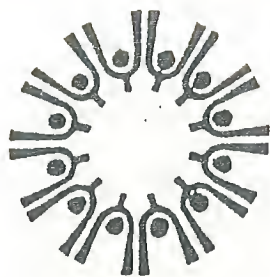
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# APRIL 1989 NEWSLETTER

## BRITISH NATIONALITY (REGISTRATION)

### DID YOU MISS THE DEADLINE???

THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON 1st JANUARY, 1983 GAVE CITIZENS OF A COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WHO HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE 1st JANUARY, 1973 THE RIGHT TO REGISTER THEIR CITIZENSHIP. THE DEADLINE DATE FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS WAS FIXED FOR 31st DECEMBER, 1987. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, MANY PEOPLE DID NOT APPLY BY THIS DEADLINE DATE AND MAY THINK THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER APPLY.

#### THIS IS NOT TRUE

THERE IS PROVISION IN THE ACT FOR PEOPLE WHO DID NOT APPLY IN TIME TO SUBMIT LATE APPLICATIONS UP TO 1st JANUARY 1991. IF YOU WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP ON 31st DECEMBER 1987, YOU MAY STILL APPLY UNTIL 1st JANUARY, 1991, sending with your application A NOTE EXPLAINING WHY YOU DID NOT APPLY BEFORE 31st DECEMBER 1987. (THE REASONS MAY HAVE BEEN ILLNESS, ABSENCE, LACK OF THE £60 FEE, OR SIMPLY THAT YOU DID NOT KNOW UNTIL YOU READ THIS LEAFLET).

YOU CAN GET THE NECESSARY FORM R FROM YOUR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL, OR FROM THE HOME OFFICE (NATIONALITY DIVISION) LUNAR HOUSE, WELLESLEY ROAD, CROYDON, OR YOU CAN ASK AT A LAW CENTRE OR THE ADVICE POINT AT WALWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, 54 CAMBERWELL ROAD, SE5. ON TUESDAY NIGHTS FROM 7-30p.m. TO 8-30 p.m.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ACT NOW BECAUSE IF YOU MISS THE NEXT DEADLINE OF 1st JANUARY 1991, THE ONLY WAY TO GAIN BRITISH CITIZENSHIP WILL GENERALLY BE BY NATURALIZATION - A MORE COSTLY AND COMPLICATED PROCEDURE.

DON'T MISS THE NEXT (FINAL) DEADLINE.

(PUBLISHED BY THE CHURCHES' BOROUGHS DEANS' COMMISSION ON LAW AND ORDER & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY RIGHTS UNIT).

#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR OF THIS ISSUE:

The information given in this issue has been selected by the staff and Management Committee of SCVS. The main impetus was requests from the voluntary sector. Certain articles may arrive to you too late, but, due to space demand from the voluntary sector, this issue has been slightly delayed.

I will be on Maternity Leave from 22nd May and I intend to return around January 1990.

The next issue of the newsletter should be in the pipeline around the start of June. Please contact the next person covering me during my Leave if you want anything put into that issue. See-ya all soon,

EVE.

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# PERIPATETIC WHAT ?

## FLEXIBLE

### COMMUNITY WORKING IN SOUTHWARK.

Those of you who are or who employ Community workers funded by Community Affairs Committee will by now be familiar with the above term.

In a few weeks time the rest of you will also be familiar with it as you get a consultation paper through your letterbox outlining possibilities for changing the entire nature of community work in the borough. Below I attempt to synthesise the main items in the paper you will receive, and hopefully make it more "user - friendly" for you to consider.

On 29th September 1988 Community Affairs Committee requested an officer report on Peripatetic Community Workers for a future meeting of the committee.

It came about because of the "concern" expressed by the Grants Sub Committee that resources were "locked" into certain estates at the expense of other areas which might need these resources. At present, there are 11 potential community posts North of the Borough and 10½ South. These posts all have the word community in their title, but their roles and functions differ enormously from organisation to organisation

Its across the spectrum from managing buildings to developmental community work.

#### - SOME ADVANTAGES

These workers are locally based, and managed and most can build up good relationships with the surrounding community. They are also managed by local management Committees.

#### - SOME DISADVANTAGES

In some areas of community work there is little flexibility for community workers. The areas of benefit from the workers are usually stated in the constitution of the organisation. Single workers do work in isolation and mostly have to create their own support.

#### POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

##### Teams of Community Workers.

This idea is to set up 2 teams of community workers one team covering SE1, SE16, SE17, and one team covering SE5, SE15, SE22, and SE24.

This raises the questions; Who would line manage these workers? Would they be employees of the voluntary sector, or council? If, voluntary sector who would make up the management committees?

Where would they be based?

##### Contracted Community Worker System.

All community workers in the borough in the voluntary sector would be given contracts for a specific time to carry out certain pieces of work with a certain group in a particular area. After this period, the management committee could either be granted an extension of funding or the workers could be relocated to a different area to work on a new project with a totally new management committee.

This system could allow for more focussed community work in Southwark. New groups could apply alongside existing well established groups and be considered on a more regular basis. Funding priorities could be determined to redirect resources. However, workers would have to be recruited for 'specific' specialities, eg, housing, womens issues, etc and moves between projects would have to be carefully negotiated. This could pave the way for some of the hottest auctions in London!!!

The consultation paper acknowledges however that it is but the first step in a debate on the possible alternatives to the present system of grant-aided community support in the borough.

The alternatives suggested in the paper are not considered to be the only alternatives and your views are requested on the future (if any) for community work and community development in Southwark



# PRODUCT FOR ACTION

INFORMATION FROM THE ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT UNIT.

Hello to everyone out in grants-application and Management Committee land !

This newsletter from Organisation Development Unit is being compiled for you the black\* workers and committee members to bring you information which will alert you to developments in the black voluntary sector.

The experience of information reaching the black voluntary sector has been one of frustration. The level of information has been low. Information has often been presented in the form of very expensive courses, which most of us cannot afford. It has also been coated in layers of jargon and values which are often not our own. Finally, access to information has often rested on the voluntary will of the traditional infrastructure to pass it down to us, so we get it late and incomplete. Thus we remain poorly informed.

ODU's newsletter aims to offer you both snippets of information as they arrive on our desk as well as occasional in-depth analysis on issues affecting the development of the black voluntary sector. Primarily, the newsletter is a briefing paper, an access point and a signpost. It will complement those you perhaps already receive.

The newsletter will be covering the following areas:-

- \* News of funding
- \* Sharing of black groups' experiences and information;
- \* Listing of training courses and conferences;
- \* Developments in the traditional infrastructure and in the Black infrastructure; and issues which affect the well being of the Black voluntary sector, like local authority and central government's attitude and behaviour.

We hope to make the newsletter once every two months. The next issue will hopefully come out in May.

To conclude, ODU is not the gatekeeper of information. We welcome information from you especially if you think other Black projects ought to know about it as well

Please phone or write to:-

RIFAT WAHHAB, PRODUCT FOR ACTION,  
ODU, 26 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, WC1B 3HU  
Tel:- 01-636 - 4066

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NB. The strategic role of the Organisation Development Unit is to help build an infrastructure for the black voluntary sector and to help individuals, groups and communities manage in a changing environment.

ODU does this in a number of ways-by providing: advice and information, training and consultancy, support for the development of networks and local development agencies, and a framework for policy development on issues affecting black groups. The unit's service are specifically for black groups.



**JOBS ° EDUCATION ° TRAINING ° IN SOUTHWARK**

**J.E.T.S. IS COMING 10th - 14th JULY 1989**

**VENUE:**

**PECKHAM LEISURE CENTRE, MCKERREL ROAD  
PECKHAM SE15.**

The Jobs, Education and Training in Southwark Fair (JETS) will be a 5 day event. The aim of the event will be to inform local people of all ages about the education, training, employment and Leisure opportunities available to them in Southwark.

Entrance to JETS will be free and everyone interested in finding out more about local opportunities should come along.

Included in the Fair will be :

- \* Representatives from organisations offering opportunities (ranging from colleges, to projects, to local employers).



\* Information will be available about organisations and opportunities.

\* Practical workshops (video, photography, computers and others)

\* Creche Facilities

\* Women only day - Wednesday 12th JULY 89

\* Canteen facilities

\* School leaver day - Monday 10th JULY 89

\* Translators and sign language interpreters

\* Wheelchair access.

This is advance notice of the Fair. We will be keeping you informed with leaflets, posters and fuller information. But, in the meantime, please put the dates in your diary and pass the word on to anyone who may be interested in coming along. If you know of an organisation that may like to be represented at the Fair: perhaps by having a stall, or having information distributed; or if you have any queries about the event, please get in touch with LESLEY URBACH. TEL: 701 - 7171.

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## VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS LIAISON

# VOLC5F

## COUNCIL FOR UNDER FIVES

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### FUNDING FOR WORK WITH UNDER FIVES

#### NEW INITIATIVE FOR UNDER FIVES

Following a discussion document issued in December 1988 (included in this newsletter) the Department of Health is setting up a new initiative for under fives to which groups can now apply for funding.

#### Areas of activity

There are two main areas of activity:

1. Support for homeless families, especially those living in bed and breakfast accommodation.

2. Action research projects concerned with the effect of daycare facilities on the welfare of lone parent families.

Ideas are also welcomed for the development of work in a further two areas:

3. Improving relationships between those working with under fives in the voluntary and statutory sectors.

4. Support for carers, other than child-minders eg creche workers, carers based in the child's own home, family aids etc. (eg training, information, drop-in sessions.)

#### Period of funding.

'Limited' funds are available in 1989/90 and for the following two years. The initiative is subject to a 3 year time limit but the Department will try to ensure that each project runs for a full 3 years.

#### Time expiry.

Grants will not be renewable. If a project is to continue after central funding comes to an end, alternative sources of money will have to be found. The Department will try to offer support to groups in applying for alternative funding.

#### Who is eligible for funding.

1. All monies are to be channelled through voluntary organisations.

2. Only registered charities may apply for funding.

3. Funding is only available for work with children under five.

4. Preference will be given to applications received through national organisations.

#### Criteria.

Funding is to be given to innovative projects: those which test new ideas or ways of providing services.

#### Relevant factors might be:

\* Reaching different types of consumers;  
\* Support to certain families experiencing difficulties;

\* Geographical location;

\* Liaison with other types of service.

#### Monitoring and evaluation

The Department is to arrange for the initiative to be independently monitored and evaluated.

#### How to apply.

In the first instance, an outline proposal should be sent to the Department of Health, giving basic costings and the aims and objectives of the project with an indication of the service to be provided. Send it to: Miss C.M. Baines, Department of Health, ALEXANDER FLEMING HOUSE, ELEPHANT & CASTLE, LONDON SE1 6BY. Ring first, to discuss your ideas on 01 407 5522 Extension 7103.

#### Deadline.

The initial application in outline, as described above, should reach the Department by the end of April 1989.

# NO! CENTRAL GRANTS COMMITTEE.

In November 1988 Policy Committee agreed a recommendation from the Voluntary Sector Review Team that a report on the feasibility of establishing a Central Grants Committee be prepared.

On 5th January 1989 a letter issued from the Grants Co-ordination Unit as a first step in the consultative process on the issue. Responses to their framework were asked for by the end of January. This left very little time for consultation within the voluntary sector.

SCVS asked for an extension to the consultation time and called a public meeting on 21st February. This meeting was attended by Jones Sarcodieh (Grants Co-ordination Unit) and David Mearns (Chair of Voluntary Sector Review Team). The main thrust of the meeting was that the Grants Co-ordination Unit needed to go back to the drawing board and look at Equalities issues before the issue of a Central Grants Committee.

We were told that a member of the Grants Unit would be visiting other Boroughs to seek ideas on Central Grant giving and it was suggested that he could look at good practice in grant-giving by service committees as well. The meeting also requested that the unit realise that the voluntary sector is not a homogeneous entity and as such consultation needs to happen at many different levels. The Council Officers were as helpful as they could be in answering our questions which were fast and furious but they pointed out that they had been given this brief and as such had to present a report. The meeting thus decided that we would seek a meeting with the Council Leader Anne Matthews and Cllr Margaret Pedler (Chair of Service Delivery Review Sub). This meeting happened on April 5th. Councillors Matthews and Pedler seemed to accept our reservations on the issue of a Central Grants Committee and they appeared to agree with us. They said they would speak with their Councillor Colleagues to seek other ways of moving forward. We suggested that the Council could start by looking at its Equal Opportunities implementation and monitoring both within the Council and in the Voluntary sector.

We look forward to a positive response from the Council on this issue as it would appear that very little forward thinking went into it before they attempted to "Consult and Implement". We can only wait and see.

The following submission by HARU was endorsed fully by our open meeting and has formed a basis for discussion on the Central Grants Committee issue.

## SOME INITIAL REASONS HARU IS AGAINST SOUTHWARK COUNCIL HAVING A CENTRAL GRANTS COMMITTEE FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

1. We believe that the provision of services by the voluntary sector should be considered by the local authority in the context of the services provided for the residents of Southwark by all the statutory and voluntary sectors combined.

The place for such a considered consideration to be given is the different service committees of the Council. In that way the funding of, for instance, hostel provision in the voluntary sector can be determined in its proper context: that of the local authority's overall policies on homelessness and in direct relation to any equivalent hostels the Council may, itself, provide.

The Housing Committee could properly carry out such a consideration; a central Grants Committee could not.

2. In contrast to the scenario proposed above, a central Grants Committee would spend most of its time having to compare and priorities often totally unlike organisations and activities, making, therefore, irrelevant comparisons in inappropriate contexts.

The establishment of a central Grants Committee would imply that the status of of a service as being provided by a voluntary organisation is the overriding and most essential fact about such a service, which then allows evaluative judgements and comparisons to be made with all other services provided by all other voluntary organisations of whatever nature, simply because they are voluntary.

Thus a central Grants Committee would take upon itself the competence to compare and prioritise for funding a community creche as against a hostel for single homeless people as against a drop-in centre for people with drug dependency problems.

We do not believe that such different organisations can be usefully compared one against the other in competition for funding. Moreover, they would be compared totally outside of the context of the service area in which they operate, the only context in which informed and relevant decisions can be taken.



This is especially true in a time of stringent cuts which, unfortunately but inescapably, is our only horizon for the foreseeable future. In these difficult times it is even more important that difficult decisions are informed ones and made in the proper context. No one minds where growth comes from. But cuts, or the threat of cuts is a different matter.

**3. We do not believe that an objective pointing system adequately covering all the disparate activities carried out by the voluntary sector can be drawn up in such a way as to gain the confidence of all the different officers, members and voluntary organisations concerned.**

A complex uniform pointing system can lend itself all too easily: either to officers in practice making decisions without members having effective input, since the pointing system will, almost certainly be one devised by officers; or members will make the same political (in the widest sense) and policy decisions they would have made anyway, but with the pointing system now being used as a smokescreen of supposed objectivity to hide behind. This would then make it more difficult for the voluntary sector to mount a campaign in opposition to the cuts.

Moreover, once a unified pointing system is established, just who will be pointing the different organisations and how? Would the pointing be done in conjunction with different groups and how would disagreements and appeals be handled?

**4. There is every reason to fear that a central Grants Committee will become another "poor relation" committee out on a limb and marginalised.**

The key budget decisions - with or without a central Grants Committee - are taken by the Council's Policy Committee when allocating each service committee its total budget for the year.

It would be very hard for the Chair of the central Grants Committee to argue for a higher budget over against the powerful weight of, for instance, the Housing, Social Services or public Protection Committees with their array of statutory duties, council employees and buildings.

A Central Grants Committee would never be seen as a key committee of the Council and, at a time of cuts, would always be at risk of getting a poor deal in the yearly budget settlements. This poor deal would then be passed wholly and exclusively to all the voluntary groups in the borough, since the new committee would now fund all the groups, so that none could now escape the marginalisation and underfunding they had all been

corralled into.

**5. There is every reason to fear a central**

**5. We believe that it is a good idea and wholly appropriate for the Policy Committee to lay down minimum guidelines for the funding of the voluntary sector by the different service committees as it has done this year - although we might disagree as to just what those guidelines are.**

We believe that is the proper way to structure Southwark's voluntary sector funding: central guidelines coming from a central Policy Committee - not a central Grants Committee - with individual funding decisions being made by the decentralised relevant and competent service committee.

**6. A central Grants Committee would be to the disadvantage of all voluntary groups - both those currently funded by Community Affairs Committee and those currently funded elsewhere - as even more groups will now be fighting over the limited amount of money available.**

Although a new central Grants Committee would probably get, at least at first, more money than Community Affairs currently does, it's unlikely that it would be enough to compensate for the wider remit and the extra groups now dependent on it for funding.

Having all groups funded by one Committee would pit all groups one against the other, since money for one could only be at the expense of another, as already noted at point 4 above.

This is not wholly the case now even with Community Affairs and not at all so with service committees such as Housing, Leisure and Recreation or Social Services, where the voluntary sector funding only represents a small proportion of a large total budget.

**7. keeping voluntary sector funding with the different service committees makes it much easier for the different voluntary groups to protect their existence. They can argue their case in the proper context in which their service operates and there is the likelihood that at least some of the councillors will be interested in or knowledgeable of their organisation and/or the field in which it works.**

Clearly, some committees or committee chairs might be hostile to the voluntary sector and groups need the support of the central Policy Committee umbrella protection.

But the proper place for a group's funding to be given detailed consideration is by the appropriate service committee. At least, in that context, it should be easier to lobby

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## ACCESS TO NURSING

Part-time, leading to courses in a number of London colleges of Nurse Training. Telephone 928 9561 Ext 379

## HUMANITIES ACCESS

One/Two year part-time day and/or evening, leading to a BA Humanities degree at Thames Polytechnic. Tel: 928 9561 Ext 203.

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Part-time, leading to a BA Modern Languages with International studies degree course at the polytechnic of the South Bank. Tel: 928 9561 ext. 215

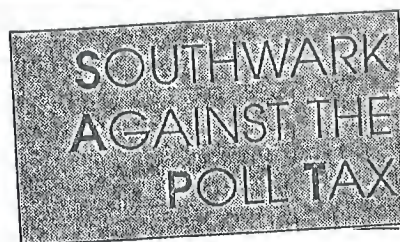
## POLY ACCESS

Part-time, leading to a BA Humanities or BA Sociology degree at Thames Polytechnic. Tel: 928 9561 ext. 215.

We particularly welcome applications from people and members of other ethnic minorities.

Write for application forms and further details to the Admissions Secretary, Southwark College (ILEA), Blackfriars Branch, 209-215 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NL... and mention the course in which you are interested.

You may also obtain further information about a particular course by telephoning the relevant extension.



Southwark against the Poll Tax was formed last year by people of differing religious and political persuasions. Southwark against the Poll Tax believes that the provisions of the Government's Poll Tax are unfair, regressive, inefficient and will undermine the well being of many Southwark residents. SAPT are launching a petition to the Queen concerning the Poll Tax. However, this is a petition with a difference. We are not merely objecting to the Poll Tax, we are asking that the Queen restore to Southwark its historic rights to levy its own taxes. We hope that you can help us in our campaign against the Poll Tax by supporting and circulating our petition.

There are four main ways in which you can support our work:

- You can endorse our petition.
- You can circulate our petition and collect signatures for it.
- You can circulate our poster.
- you can affiliate to Southwark against the Poll Tax and send a representative to the Steering Committee.

Our aim is to demonstrate the overwhelming rejection of the Poll Tax by the people of Southwark, I hope that you can join us in this task.

JOHN McTERNAN (SECRETARY)

SOUTHWARK AGAINST THE POLL TAX

C/o 25 BARRY ROAD, SE22. Tel: 299 - 2692



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOUNDATION

### TEMPORARY PUBLICATIONS MARKETING OFFICER

£12,976 pa (pay award pending)

CPF, the national community development agency, requires a person to carry out market research for publications, market existing publications and develop a new long term publications marketing strategy.

The post is based in the research unit but will also be working closely with communications and publishing staff.

A major commitment in the first six months will be carrying out a feasibility study on the establishment of a community development magazine. Other tasks will include reviewing methods of costing and distributing publications, and devising and implementing improvements.

You will have experience of processes involved in producing a popular professional magazine and of marketing publications. Ability to carry out a practical research project, produce a well-written report and to analyse budget and sales figures is essential.

Members of ethnic minority groups are under represented at this level in the foundation and are particularly invited to apply.

Suitable for job share. The post is available for one year initially.

Information and application forms from: PERSONNEL OFFICER, COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOUNDATION, 60 Highbury Grove, London, N52AG

(01 - 226 5375).

CLOSING DATE 27th APRIL 1989.

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### SOUTHWARK MENCAP

#### PART TIME DEVELOPMENT WORKER

£6,100 p.a.

(17.5 Hours per week)

This new post has been created to enable the Society to play a larger part in the development of services for people with learning difficulties in the Borough.

The Development Worker will assist the Executive Committee and the full-time Development Officer to plan and implement a programme of development involving:-

- \* Respite Care facilities
- \* Out of school activities
- \* Services for school leavers

Must have experience of working with people with learning difficulties.

Further details and application forms from the Chairman, Len Fisher, 44 CAMILLA ROAD, LONDON SE16 3NL. CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS 28th APRIL, interviews 8th MAY.

## THE COPELSTON CENTRE



### COPELSTON CENTRE

(Community Centre and Church)

Requires: **CO-ORDINATOR/DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

To work with Centre Management Committee and local community in multi-racial area to further develop use of busy Centre.

Applicants require proven experience of supporting and developing work with community groups, imagination and ability to work sensitively and sympathetically with all user groups including the Church.

**SALARY: NJC Scale - minimum £11,700 p.a.**

Further details and application forms from CCMC Secretary, Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, Peckham, London SE15 4AN

TEL: 639 - 2495 or 639 - 8447 or 732 - 3435.

Applications to be returned by 21 April 1989

The Copleston Centre Management Committee is an Equal Opportunities employer.

or to take deputation to a committee whose whole remit is to look after that particular area and argue for the group's importance to that service committee's overall priorities.

This would not be possible with a central Grants Committee which could not have an informed understanding of all the different areas in which all the different groups operate.

**8. Some voluntary groups are in the relatively advantageous position** of being funded by a committee which is prepared to offer the voluntary sector a better deal than the Council is prepared to do overall. This might be because of the political opinion of leading councillors on those committees and/or because those committees dispose of a large enough budget for the voluntary sector to represent only a very small percentage of its total budget.

The establishment of a central Grants Committee would take away from those groups their relatively advantageous position - but to no extra gain for those groups funded by poorer or more unsympathetic committees.

Moreover, on a purely pragmatic basis, a hostile central Grants Committee would mean the kiss of death to all groups. With funding spread out amongst the different service committees, seven or eight different funding positions are possible and seven or eight different solutions, whilst success for the voluntary sector with one committee would in no way be at the expense of groups funded by another.

**9. The consultation paper from the Council's Grants Co-ordination Unit** suggests that a central Grants Unit would be beneficial for the achievement of equal opportunities. HARU recognises the current imbalance in funding which discriminates against black groups gaining funding and the special problem of new black groups gaining funding for the first time at a time of on-going cuts in existing organisations.

However, we do not feel that setting up a central Grants Unit is the right way of trying to tackle these whilst welcoming a commitment to effective equal opportunities practices for targeting grants, we consider these are some of the problems:

a) The Voluntary Sector Reviewers have not yet worked out any detailed views on equal opportunities and grant giving. Until that is done, there can be no proper discussion on whether it is better for equal opportunities for there to be a central grants committee or for grant giving to remain with the service committees. The paper from the council is, therefore, putting the cart

before the horse, which can only work to the detriment of equal opportunities.

b) Equal opportunities considerations cannot be divorced from service committees' roles. With limited money, the grant givers may well have to choose between, say, a hostel for young black homeless women and a sheltered project for elderly asian people. A difficult decision like that has to be made within the context of the housing services within the borough, current and planned. A central Grants committee decision could not provide that essential context.

c) Southwark Council does not have a good record on equal opportunities. But taking them away from the service committees in the case of voluntary organisations is not the solution, because informed strategic decisions cannot be made in that way. Rather, emphasis must be placed in devising detailed equal opportunities practices which all service committees would then have to implement in their own areas of expertise. This is no simple or straightforward answer, but the Council is not and cannot be a simple organisation. It is a question of organising appropriate bureaucracies and structures. The answer to difficult questions should not be to centralise - especially when in other areas the Council is committed to actively pursuing decentralisation.

d) Whilst there remains, for instance, a Housing Committee, that committee should have a strategic view of the future of housing provision and funding in the borough which needs to include both the voluntary sector and equal opportunities if it is to be comprehensive.

e) In these current hard times, what do we mean by equal opportunities and, specifically, how do we hope to correct the current imbalance against black groups at a time of no growth.

f) Are we saying that current non-black groups should be cut by more than black groups, so as to allow black groups to escape cuts? would that allow any new black groups to be funded, or simply allow currently funded black groups to continue at their current level? Why should such extra money be found from the already too small voluntary sector budget and not from the Council budget as a whole, this year many committees have had to make extra direct service cuts in order to keep voluntary sector cuts to the average council level for cuts.

g) If voluntary groups are prioritised in terms of equal opportunities, what line should be taken on non-black groups that have some/many/all black workers, or non-



black groups that provide services chiefly to black people?

h) These questions need to be answered before we can decide what the best structure would be for these yet-to-be-made decisions to be put into effect.

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If you have any queries on the Central Grants issue or wish to know more please contact Nuala Conlan at SCVS. Tel: 732 3731.

## WELFARE RIGHTS

### BENEFIT SHAKE-UP FOR BOARDERS

From April 1989 the Government is changing the way that some people who get Income Support are paid benefit.

#### Will the changes affect you?

These changes only affect you if:-

- \* You get Income Support and are being paid board and lodging costs direct from the Department of Social Security.

#### And

- \* You live in a hotel, guest house, lodging house, or the charge for your accommodation includes the cost of meals which are cooked or prepared by your landlord.

- \* People in hostels and nursing homes will not be affected.

#### What are the changes?

The changes mean that from April 1989:-

- \* The help you have been getting towards your accommodation costs from the Department of Social Security will stop. You will get Housing Benefit from Southwark Council instead.

- \* The Department of Social Security will pay you a set amount of Income Support for your daily expenses.

Here are some examples of the set amounts you will get:-

Single person aged 18-24 £27.40

Single person aged 25-or over £34.90

Couple £54.80p

Extra payments are made to families with children, pensioners and people with disabilities.

#### How much Housing Benefit will you get?

Your Housing Benefit will cover all your accommodation costs except the following, which you will have to pay out of your weekly benefit from Social Security.

- \* You will have to pay 20% of your rates and all of your water rates. Rates and water rates will be part of your board and lodging charge although you probably do not know the exact breakdown. The Council calculates the amounts for you and usually it will be less than £1.

- \* You will have to pay £4.20 a week if you live in one room towards heating, hot water and lighting. You pay more if you get your laundry done or have other services.

- \* Standard amount will be taken from your Housing Benefit for any meals your landlord provides to you and your family. If you only get breakfast, you will have to pay £1.50 per person a week.

Altogether a single person getting bed and breakfast may have to pay about £6.50 per week and a couple about £8 a week towards their accommodation costs out of their weekly benefit.

#### Will you lose money?

Lots of people will be worse off under the new rules. Most people won't lose cash immediately. Your Social Security office will send you a payment to make up the difference between what you got under the old rules and what you will get under the new rules. You will usually only get this for 3 months but:

- \* People in supported lodgings where personal care is provided will get it indefinitely.

- \* Families with children will get it for a year unless they are put in the hotel or lodging house by the Council - homeless families waiting to be housed will only get it for 3 months.

#### How do you claim?

- \* If you are already getting Income Support the Social Security office will contact you.

For more information, contact: SOUTHWARK WELFARE RIGHTS on 703 - 0911 x 2122

or HOUSING BENEFIT SECTION, RYE LANE on 639 - 4353 or your local Housing District office.

# GRANTS

## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

### GRANT AID

Are you thinking of running a playscheme during the 1989 summer holiday period for children/young people? If so, and you are a community/voluntary based group or youth club then you may apply to the Southwark Holiday Projects Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of your playscheme.

Funding will only be considered for schemes operating between **Monday 31st July, 1989 - Friday 1st September, 1989** (inclusive). Saturdays and Bank Holidays will not be funded.

Projects must be located within the Borough of Southwark and the sorts of projects that the committee will support are listed below.

Locally centre-based play projects, providing arts, crafts, cooking, drama, games etc.

- Schemes for all age ranges i.e. under 5s, 5-14s and 14-21s.

- Schemes offering equal opportunities for girls and boys.

- Schemes for those with special needs e.g. children/young people with disabilities.

- Day trips and outings - these are normally only funded as part of a centre-based scheme.

- Some support for camping trips in England.

Application forms are available from:-  
Valencia Nichols, Sarah Newton,  
TOWN HALL, ROOM 408, PECKHAM ROAD,  
PECKHAM SE5 8UB.

Tel:- 703 - 6311 ext 2084 - 2041.

**CLOSING DATE FRIDAY, 12th MAY 1989.**

# INFORMATION

## NEWS FROM SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

### SOUTHWARK SETS UP LONDON'S FIRST CREDIT UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Southwark Council is to press ahead with plans to set up London's first ever Credit Union Development Agency, following the release of £2.5 million via the Government's Inner Area Programme.

Of that figure, £31,000 has been allocated to Southwark Credit Union Development Agency (SCUDA), with the remainder funding a further 46 new and ongoing projects in the borough.

A joint initiative between the council and the Church, Southwark Council Development Agency (SCUDA) is to be set up in response to the growing economic problems faced by the local community.

And plans are now in progress to recruit field workers to liaise with local groups, promoting and assisting the setting up of small credit unions with the church and the community.

It's expected that premises will soon be located, and that the agency will be up and running by the summer.

Other schemes to benefit from this year's IAP bid include a £400,000 project to improve the Elephant & Castle subways, and a major scheme on the Gloucester Grove Estate to turn a set of garages into workshops.

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# SICKLE CELL

## RACE EQUALITY UNIT (RELEASE)

### SICKLE CELL AND THALASSAEMIA FOCUS DAY

With reference to the above conference this is just general information to inform you of the following:

DATE: Friday, 28th April 1989

TIME: 10am. - 4.30pm.

VENUE: North Peckham Civic Centre,  
600 OLD KENT ROAD, SE15.

#### Subject (am)

1. What is Sickle Cell and the importance of screening.
2. What is Thalassaemia and the importance of screening.
3. Social Service Issues
4. Welfare Rights issues
5. Housing Issues
6. Education Issues
7. Employment Issues

#### Workshops (pm)

1. Women Issues (employees, users of NHS, Carers)
2. Perspective of a Thalassaemia sufferer
3. Perspective of a Sickle Cell sufferer.

Food and Creche provided FREE.

CONTACT: CAROL STRACHAN. 703 -  
ON 703 - 0911.

## LAW PROJECT A.G.M.

SOUTHWARK LAW PROJECT will be holding its Annual General Meeting on THURSDAY 27th APRIL 1989. 7.30 to 9.30pm, at the BEOMUND COMMUNITY CENTRE, 177 ABBEY STREET, SE1.

The meeting will include a discussion on how a local law centre can make an impact on national issues. This will be introduced by guest speaker Russell Campbell. He is a solicitor at Camden Law Centre in North London, and was responsible for a headline-hitting case concerning homeless persons last year. He is also the convenor of the Law Centres Federation Housing Policy Working Group which is concerned with defending tenants' rights in the wake of the new Housing Act. He is the author of a recent article suggesting some ways in which local organisations, especially law centres, can make their mark on major issues of national importance.

The Law Project is sending invitations to many local groups involved in a wide variety of different matters - including women's issues, pensioners' action, race equality, gay rights and tenants' rights as well as all the local advice centres, and law centres in SE London.

Anyone who lives in Southwark, and is interested in legal services and law centres is welcome to attend. Details available from: JULIA McNEAL, SOUTHWARK LAW PROJECT, 29-35 LORDSHIP LANE, SE22. TEL: 299 - 1024.

## TRAINING

### COMMUNITY SECTOR TRAINING IN SOUTHWARK

The Community Development Forum Training Group has been beavering away organising training for the voluntary sector in Southwark.

Since Christmas we have had Mental Health and Race on February 7th. This was facilitated by Buddy Larrier and gave everyone food for thought.

Management Committee Training 23/24 February This was facilitated by Paula McDonald. It was held in the Beormund Centre and was well attended.

Problem Solving for Black Workers 13/14/15th March. Eden Charles obviously made a big impression here as we really received good feedback from the participants.

The training coming up soon is:-

Development and Implementing an Equal Opportunities Policy. 20/21st April.

Disability Awareness 28th April.

Introduction to Equal Opportunities 6th May.

Equal Opportunities: Recruitment and Selection. 11/12th May.

Countering Racism: 15/16th May.

You will need to book early as places are filling up fast.

For further information please contact Nuala Conlan 732 - 3731

Chris Smalligan 703 - 0911.

We are also interested to hear what sort of training you would like to see provided in Southwark. Please do contact us with your ideas.

## SCVS RESPONSE.

As some of you are aware SCVS has already held two public meetings on this issue and submitted the response from these to the last community affairs committee meeting. We suggested that those groups who employ community workers did so because they were reacting to a need they saw in their community at a given time. We also suggested that a community development strategy is desperately needed by Southwark. This should be devised jointly by councillors, management committee members, users of and workers in centres. The introduction of a flexible/centralised working system is a contradiction to the development of a community development strategy in Southwark. It is suggesting the implementation of a working structure without a clear strategy or criteria for doing so.

Reorganising workers is just--reorganising workers. Its nothing more.

We suggested that if councillors are worried about 'locked' resources then mechanisms already exist such as monitoring officers, enforcement of equal opportunities policies in community centres and through constitutions which can ensure that existing resources are used by all members of the community. If there is a clear strategy then there is scope for change within that. A clear strategy would involve an inventory of existing community workers in Southwark, funded by Community Affairs, ILEA Youth Service, and AEI, other council committees, and those funded by outside charities. This would give an overall perspective on where exactly the real needs are in the borough and where the best possible solutions can come from.

We also pointed out to the committee that it did not appear to have considered the implications of this potential rearrangement of community workers in relation to the takeover by the borough of Education provision, and the proposed decentralisation of Housing services. These issues are all inter-related and cannot be considered in a vacuum.

We emphasised again that this issue must be consulted on sufficiently, and that adequate time must be given to it.

However, it was still a struggle for the committee to allow a six month period for consultation.

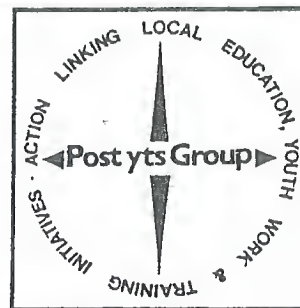
We must remember that this is an improvement as it was initially supposed to be an 'officer only' report. The committee did not want any consultation at all to happen. We must thus be thankful to our officers in the community development unit that we have even such a short consultation period.

We now have to use this six months to ensure that our views are heard by the community affairs committee.

SCVS is setting up a working party to submit proposals to the committee from a voluntary sector perspective.

If you are interested please attend the first meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at 2.30pm. at SCVS 135 Rye Lane.

If you are interested in participating in this but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Nuala Conlan at ph: 732 3731.



### POST YTS GROUP SEMINARS.

The ever active Post YTS Group in Southwark is organising two seminars on employment issues in Southwark in the near future.

Both seminars will be at 'The Greenhouse' 3 Comber Grove, SE5.

The first seminar:

'E.T. And Alternatives' will be on Wednesday 24th May at 1.30pm. It will look at some existing ET Schemes in Southwark. It will also explore alternatives nationally as well as in Southwark.

The second seminar:

'Privatisation of Training' will be on Wednesday 7th June at 1.30pm. This will focus specifically on Local Employer Networks (LENS) and the Training and Enterprise Councils (TECS).

Further details will be sent out in the near future.

If you are interested in attending or want to know more please phone: Nuala Conlan at SCVS 732 3731.



# South London Human Scale Education Movement

The Human Scale Education Movement believes that learning is a life-long process of development of the whole person which, above all, should be a joyful experience. The needs and interests of those learning, particularly children, should be paramount. Many of us remember unhappy schooldays - can see our own children going through unpleasant experiences - and want to change things.

We should re-evaluate the impact of the realities of attending school on individuals and our society: It is essential that schools provide an environment in which all children experience affection, approval and acceptance.

By attending school, children should not be cut off from the opportunity to live and experience a wide variety of social possibilities. On the contrary: schools should encompass a community or communities in which each child feels they belong, and enjoys opportunities for discussion and decisions. These communities should include children both of similar age and widely differing age, of wide ranging intellect and ability, and of each sex and every race, and adults of each sex and every race.

As do other animals, human babies and children instinctively discover and develop the physical, social, imaginative and intellectual skills they need at their own pace. They do this through self-directed free play and interaction within a secure community, of children and adults of all ages. It is a most effective natural process. Play remains important throughout our lives allowing necessary skills to develop, and without an ability to play, our lives may become too stressful for health.

In simple terms, changes would mean children at school being able to live, evolve, and experience attitudes and skills within a close and cooperative community rather than having them imposed, or studying them, within some inhuman framework. It would mean smaller groupings of mixed ages; teachers that are both caring and stimulating; an environment appropriate for self-directed free play - which would include a garden area - and for self-directed learning - offering a wide range of ideas skills and information. It would allow learners to become aware of their own development, and to identify for themselves how to extend the range of their understanding. Teaching should be a helping activity, not a delivery system for packaged knowledge and ideas.

The Human Scale Education Movement is a national movement with local branches. It seeks to make people aware that there are positive alternatives to the current system and to encourage work towards bringing about a profound reconstruction of nurturing and stimulating environments for education, both within the existing state framework and in new initiatives such as small parent-run schools.

## THE SPIKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT PECKHAM

Small School, a space for children (and parents) to grow and learn.

Do you have children?

Worried about School?

Want to do something about it?

Following Human Scale Education principles and the lead of Kirkdale School in Sydenham, where such an environment was created for 23 years but which now has no premises, we are launching a project to start a community school in Peckham.

Come along and discover  
what it is all about

Saturday 22 April

Thomas Calton Community Education Centre

Alpha Street, Peckham, SE15

10.30 am - 6.30 pm

Further details: Ruth Goffe 675 4388



# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION

## SCVS NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 1 JULY 1989

Eve Erskine is currently away on maternity leave and we have just heard that she has given birth to a boy - Jelani. Happy birthday Jelani, and love and best wishes to Eve.

Shirley Grieve is working for us as Resource Support Worker and Nuala Conlan as Field-Worker. Apart from having only two full time staff, we are under resourced in other ways.

Despite these restrictions we are working hard to keep voluntary sector groups abreast of the issues and new developments taking place in the Borough.

**SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION** (our newsletter) details the kind of work that SCVS is doing. The newsletter is part of our developing information service and it is a vital source of news and information to groups in Southwark. If you have any contributions to submit for the next issue then the copy deadline is:

**FRIDAY 25th AUGUST**

We are building up a comprehensive Information Centre that groups can use to pick up details on a wide variety of issues and organisations including funding bodies. To help us in this task, we would really appreciate it, if you could send us anything which would help us build up a complete profile of all the groups in Southwark, it could be your annual report for example.

We are also establishing our offices as a Resource Centre.

We have a photocopier, electro scanner, duplicator, off-set litho, computer, Kroy headliner and typewriters. At present SCVS offices are staffed as much as possible to allow groups to use our facilities. But given that we only have two staff and they also have to attend outside meetings, then we cannot be open all the time.

Starting from September, we hope to have a regular timetable worked out - so that the Information and Resource Centre will be open three days a week for drop-in users and other times by appointment.

On a final note - SCVS **VITALLY NEEDS NEW MANAGEMENT MEMBERS TO COME ON ITS COMMITTEE.** Committee meetings are a real laugh - never boring and always finish on time. SCVS is taking off in a new direction and the enthusiasm of the workers knows no bounds - we need new management members to support the hard-

working existing Committee and the new work taking place here. We are particularly interested in hearing from the usually under-represented groups. If you're interested in joining us, let us know.

SCVS  
135 RYE LANE  
LONDON SE15

Tel: 732 3731

## Education - Southwark

As you are all aware, LBS takes over responsibility for educational provision in 1990 when ILEA is abolished. SCVS has been involved in establishing the Community Development Forum Education Working Party, which recently had its first meeting. The aim of the meeting was to look at possible options available to us in education and to look at ways we could find to influence the future of community education in Southwark.

SECTION 1 : SCVS WORK-  
INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTRE  
EDUCATION, WORKERS FORUM  
INNER AREA PROGRAMME  
POST YTS, TRAINING



To achieve this we felt we needed to be clear about the existing provision. Soon all voluntary groups in Southwark will be hearing from us as we would like as much participation as possible in the education working party. It is particularly important at this time for smaller groups to keep informed.

With remarkable good timing on the same night as the Education Working Party meeting, **Southwark Council's Education Action Team** had organised a consultation meeting with those voluntary groups in Southwark currently funded in varying degrees through ILEA. The Education Action Team are seeking clarification on existing ILEA provision. The idea behind the last consultation meeting was to talk through a draft questionnaire with the voluntary groups present. The Action Team are aiming to make the questionnaire as comprehensive as possible in order to cover the many different conditions of ILEA provision as it already exists. Their short term aims are to **secure** the transfer of funding from ILEA to LBS and **maintain the service at its current level for 1990/1**. However in subsequent years they will be looking at **priority areas for funding**.

The representatives from the groups were concerned about how the information given by them in the questionnaire would be used by the team.

The groups present were very able and put their views across strongly. It would be very useful if these groups could input into the Education Working Party. We thought that one of the best ways of getting as many ideas and issues discussed in a short space of time, would be to have an education conference for the voluntary sector in the autumn. We hope to organise speakers and workshops dealing with particular themes. We would like to see as much participation from community groups as possible in this.

## Voluntary Sector Workers Forum

SCVS has been working on setting up this group for some time. So we are pleased to say that the first meeting took place at SCVS on 20th June. and was attended by workers from 15 groups in Southwark.

The group was formed because of the need expressed by many workers for more liaison and communication between ourselves. We found that a lot of us were worrying about the same issues and felt that we needed to have a more systematic approach to the many issues facing the voluntary sector in Southwark.

We hope that the Forum will become a voice for the voluntary sector workers who are consistently faced with a lot more immediate pressures than our colleagues in the statutory sector. Added to this are the pressures that come with lack of job security, thus increasing the stress levels. The Forum of course recognises the need to work alongside the statutory sector and will continue to do so.

The Forum hopes to address such issues as:

- \* Flexible workers
- \* Central Grants Committee
- \* LBS takeover of Education
- \* ET & the voluntary sector
- \* Training needs of Southwark workers in the vol. sector.

The next three meetings will take place at SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, London SE15, Tel: 732 3731

Lunch at 1pm (bring something) meeting starts at 2pm

Look forward to seeing you there!!! Remember if you work anywhere in the voluntary sector in Southwark - this group is for you.



# Post YTS

The Post YTS Group in Southwark, of which SCVS is a member, recently held a seminar on ET and Alternatives. We were concerned that a lot of people who work with unemployed people were still unsure of how ET operates.

A lot of information was exchanged on the day. It was heartening to hear those who actually operate Employment Training speak frankly about the problems they encounter in doing so. These included the inadequate funding received, high dropout rates of trainees after assessment, lack of employer participation, lack of understanding of child-care allowances.

It was noted at the meeting that Southwark Council have taken a 'no ET' position but intend to monitor existing provision of ET in the Borough through the Training Forum. A possible reason for this is the low quality training being offered on some ET schemes and the fact that it does not offer adequate incentive to unemployed people to enter the programme.

## Alternatives?

As for alternatives, there are very few. To date there have been two basic types; those using European Social Fund or IAP money. These must be supported by the local council and need 25% of the funding to come from the Council.

There are examples also of using ET with enhancements. This has been done by the **Finsbury Park Community Trust**. They operate a scheme linking unemployed people with local employers who have recruitment problems

All in all the seminar was useful for those who attended. The Post YTS group will no doubt be organising other seminars in the future.

## Training for the Voluntary Sector

Since our last newsletter the training group of the CDF has organised a series of training courses on Equal Opportunities issues. These were very useful for those who participated in them.

We are currently running a Management Committee skills course on Thursdays in the Copleston Centre. This is one of our most successful courses so far.

Coming up soon is **Stress/Time Management** which is very useful for the voluntary sector given the constraints under which some of us work. In fact this was so heavily booked that we are hoping to repeat the course again soon.

We have had a lot of problems with people booking up for courses and then not showing up. This of course means that others who want to come on for training are prevented from doing so. The Group is looking at ways of solving this problem. We are considering charging each organisation a booking fee/deposit which will be returnable on the day. In some there are last minute hiccups which mean that people are prevented from attending. However, given that trainers are so very expensive they should be used to the full by as many members of the community as possible.

We are presently preparing a questionnaire asking you about your training needs. This will go out shortly with the coming

autumn programme. We're hoping you will all fill it in and send it back so that training will be targeted accurately to your needs.

## AUTUMN COURSES

- \* Design and layout skills
- \* Disability Awareness
- \* Making Meetings Work
- \* TA Committee Skills
- \* Stress/Time Management
- \* Public Speaking
- \* Running a trouble-free office.
- \* Project Development skills for black workers
- \* Follow-up day from last years Problem Solving for black workers
- \* Campaigning and Lobbying

Final details of these courses will be issued shortly. This will include venue and booking form. So book early and **SHOW UP!!!**

Meanwhile if you have any queries about the training courses or if there is something you feel we've missed out, please contact **Nuala** at SCVS on 732 3731 or **Chris** at CDU on 703 0911 x2126.





# Inner Area Programme

SCVS has been following the consultancy process of this year's Inner Area Programme with interest. Since late 1986 the Government have invited applications from within this Borough (excluding docklands) for what it terms Inner Area Programme (IAP) funding. Southwark's IAP is co-ordinated by Dave Sanderson and Sarah Newton at the Town Hall (Tel: 703 6311 x 2115). They have produced a glossy folder, outlining the application process of the Programme, and it is in the main part very informative. The Information-pack, including the application form is available from the Co-ordination Section, at the Town Hall, Peckham Rd, London SE5.

The Department of the Environment (DoE) look to provide IAP money to projects which fall within the following categories:

Economic - directed at an increase in jobs and training facilities.

Environmental - improvement to land and buildings.

Social and Housing - projects which in the view of the DoE "strengthen the social fabric of the inner city and encourage self-help"

But the money is not distributed equally, with the lion's share going to economic projects, followed by environmental, and lastly social. However the co-ordinating officers are very keen that bids from all types of groups are submitted.

As part of their consultation process, two public meetings were held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 21st June. Neither were well attended, so perhaps Southwark ought to look at their advertising, both in terms of its content and its distribution. The very poor acoustics of the Council

chamber, coupled with an unexciting and less than illuminating presentation of information made the meetings par for the course as regards Southwark's usual consultation process. However there have been improvements regarding the application procedure this year. For general help or assistance in completion of the form, groups can now go to individual officers in the relevant department i.e. if your bid falls within the social category, then you can approach the appropriate officer eg. race, women, community development etc.

In fact its worth your while if submitting an application, to have the Council Officer's support, as they must put in comments with the bids, as the bids go first to the Council, and then to the DoE. If a project is accepted, the Council funds 25% of its costs, with the other 75% coming from the DoE.

But if the support from the Council has increased, there is very little else to get excited about. The changing priorities of the DoE have made matters worse for some types of schemes. The question was raised as to whether groups with schemes which contain a substantial amount of training would be referred to the training commission and it seems likely this would be the case.

Equally 'social' schemes requiring continuous revenue support will be affected by the changes in the priorities. Other alternative sources of funding were hinted at. It does seem that there might be money to be bid for from 'planning gain'. Planning gain, is when a developer, in return for Council planning permission for commercial development, agrees to provide something in return for the local community. this 'something' usually takes the form

of building work i.e. a centre or TA hall, but it seems from comments from Officers that there is a 'pool' of money which has been obtained from 'planning gain'. However, as yet not details have been forthcoming as to how/if/when this money can be applied for. SCVS hope to have more info. on this in the next issue of **SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION.**



## WORKPLACE NURSERIES CAMPAIGN



Since 1985 parents with children in employer-subsidised nurseries have been liable to pay tax on the amount of subsidy paid by the employer towards the child's nursery place.

The reason for this is that the Government deems the amount paid by the employer towards the nursery place as benefit in kind and ensures that tax is paid on such benefits. So the Government treats workplace nurseries as a perk and a status symbol like a company car.

### A barrier to work

The lack of adequate childcare facilities in this country has perpetuated discrimination against parents, and women in particular, in employment. Therefore, the lack of child-

care is a barrier to equal participation in the job market. Surely, it cannot be in the interests of Government, employers or employees for these barriers to continue? Whilst the Government continues to refuse to recognise the need for comprehensive childcare facilities, it is unfair to penalise parents whose employers are willing to help with childcare.

### A benefit to whom?

What makes the "Toddler Tax" even more absurd is that it flies in the face of what a number of enlightened employers want to see. Many employers recognise that the lack of childcare facilities in this country does affect the availability and flexibility of the workforce in a detrimental manner. They want to help with child-

care because it will help them attract more suitably qualified staff and ensure that the considerable resources they invest in recruiting and training employees is not wasted. So childcare facilities at work benefit the employer and yet it is the employee who has to pick up the tax bill.

### What is the toddler tax?

The Inland Revenue sees workplace nurseries as a benefit in kind. So any subsidy that the employer contributes on behalf of their employee, towards a place in a nursery, is treated as additional income to the employee and the employee is taxed on this new earnings total.

### Who is affected?

These rules supposedly only affect the higher paid, but this includes any worker earning £8,500 after the employers contribution is added to the income. So a parent earning £6,500 a year whose employer contribute £2,000 towards a nursery place, will be liable to pay the tax.

### Harmful and Restrictive

The tax means less help with childcare which means fewer parents are able to work, which means a loss of skilled workers, which means a waste of valuable resources spent in training and recruitment. Many parents are forced to choose between starting a family and ending a career and losing a wage. Also there are many lower income families and single parents who have no choice, they have to work and they often have to rely on ad-hoc childcare arrangements.

### How can you oppose it?

The Workplace Nurseries Campaign works to abolish the tax and improve the prospects for work-based children. Their sister organisation, Workplace Nurseries Ltd provides info. and advice on establishing and

running workplace nurseries. If you want further information about their work or would like to join their efforts to abolish the tax, then contact Workplace Nurseries, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd, London SE1 7SJ Tel: 582 7195

## BURNOUT?

The following text is a summary of an article adapted by Bernard Ross from an original article by William L Bryan executive director and founder of the Northern Rockies Action Group - a US not-for-profit environmental protection agency. Bernard Ross' article appears in a new publication produced quarterly called **MANAGEMENT ISSUES: The Journal of Non-Profit Management**. It is reproduced by kind permission of the author.

It is available by subscription only (special introductory offer - £15) from:

**The Management Centre**  
9/15 Blackett St  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 5BS  
Tel: 091 222 1632

The Magazine covers a wide range of issues affecting management of non-profit making organisations. This article on 'burnout' in the first issue deals with the causes, and is well worth reading in full. The follow up article in issue No.2 will deal with the practical ways in which burnout can be prevented.

**SECTION 2:**  
**BURNING ISSUES**





There is some evidence to suggest that the number of victims of burnout is increasing. Partly due to the growing number of voluntary sector organisations. But also because the issues that these groups face are becoming much more difficult to resolve, for example the increase in workload for those working in the advice field: they struggle to keep up with new legislation and the increasing tide of claimants asking for help to make ends meet.

### What is burnout?

The New Collins Dictionary defines burnout as '...to become or cause to become exhausted through overwork or dissipation'. Sometimes the exhaustion is only temporary and those who suffer from it are soon back at their jobs, functioning normally. Some however develop chronic high blood pressure, but continue working. But a large percentage never recover and are permanently lost to the sector.

### Why do people burn out?

There is no one answer to this question. Usually it is a combination of factors:

- Intense external pressures on voluntary sector organisations.
- Lack of clear direction in the work environment.
- Lack of organisational and personal processes for saying 'no'.
- Uncertainty of rewards.
- Lack of security
- The illusiveness of success.
- The intensity of the work-place.
- The workaholic syndrome.
- Lack of appropriate work habits.

Here are some of us who are more susceptible to burnout conditions than others. Our education and commitment to the work ethic and other similar beliefs and values, along with our idealistic desire to shape a better world leave us very vulnerable to the causes of burnout. We usually take for granted 240-hour months, meetings over a

snatched lunchtime sandwich, and late evening work at the office, since the cause we think we are working on seems to be all-important.

We just assume that the mission is more important than our personal agendas so we deny the reality of our personal needs. This is where a fundamental contradiction sets in. Those of us who are burnout-prone are also very sensitive people who have feelings, want to be liked and recognised, and wish to do worthwhile things for other people. We want to do well and look good in the eyes of our peers, but unfortunately our peers are usually in the same dilemma. They also downplay personal needs. Consequently, we fall into playing their game, which is ours as well. This usually means that competition thrives between us. 'Who worked more hours last week? Who originated the better idea? Who took a stronger position?' Purity tests abound as to who is the better environmentalist, feminist, anti-racist, or socialist. Commitment and involvement get redefined as a badge for wanting to be liked.

It doesn't have to happen that way. We can lead more balanced lives. And the organisations that employ us don't have to use their staff as disposable batteries.



## CHARITIES

### WHITE PAPER

Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has finally published his White Paper on charities. The paper proposes that the Charity Commission charge a flat rate of £25 for any charity applying for registration.

The paper says the Woodfield Report on charities found that there was no evidence to suggest that a policy decision had ever been taken to provide a free service; and that while

there might be policy arguments that services to the charitable sector by the state should be provided without charge, they weren't sufficient to establish that charges would be wrong in principle.

Once an organisation is registered, it would be obliged, unlike now, to return accounts annually to the Commission. The Paper states that the Government would welcome views as to whether there should be charges for any other services.

The White Paper also suggests charges for those who use the Commission for other purposes

such as Trustees who might 'needlessly approach the Commission for help that might have been obtained from professional advisers...'

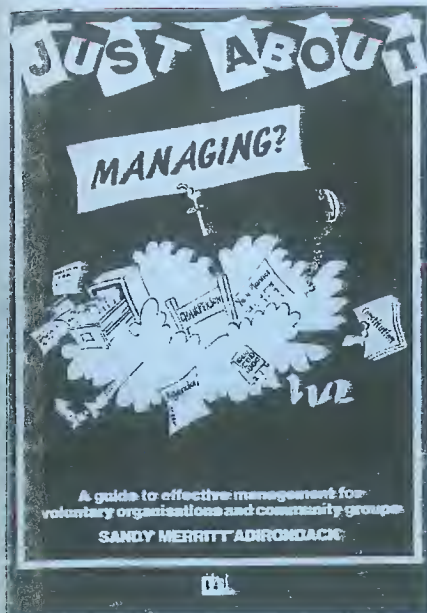
According to the Paper, the Government does not believe it would be appropriate at this stage to introduce wide-ranging legislation to control all types of fundraising. But they see a need for clarifying and simplifying the present law and they will be looking at ways of ensuring 'effective self-regulation of the newer forms of fundraising.'

It says new fundraising methods such as direct mail, telephone campaigns, telethons and other television campaigns have developed into national institutions.

'The Government are not inclined to seek, at this stage, to impose specific legislative controls on these sorts of fundraising activity. Legislation in this area would be difficult to enforce and quickly outdated, and would hinder genuine fundraising efforts and discourage innovation. Nor does the current evidence of abuse seem sufficient to justify wholesale intervention. The Government will initially be looking, instead, to voluntary codes of practice as a more flexible and sensitive means of ensuring high standards and a proper degree of accountability.'

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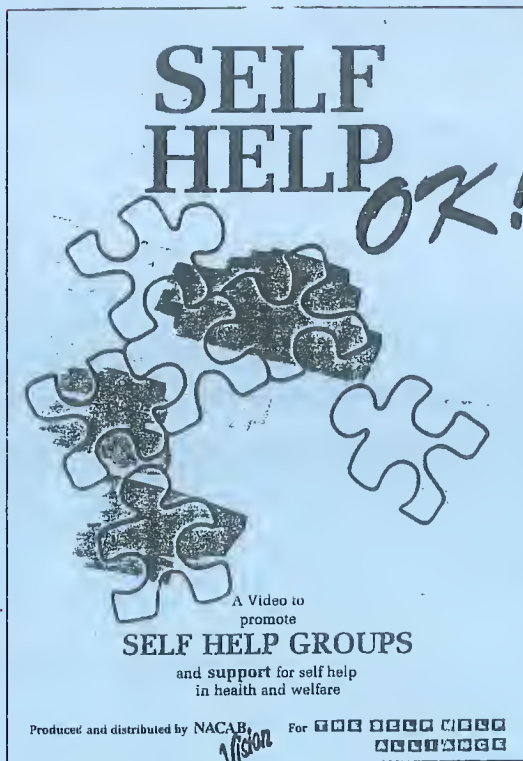
If you were about to crack up from a number of management problems, then hang on a bit because help is at hand. At the end of June, LVSC will be publishing a new book; "Just About Managing? a guide to effective management for voluntary organisations."

It takes you step by step through a number of essential issues whether you are a worker or a member of a management committee. It covers a number of areas including management committees, teamwork and decision-making, how to run meetings, planning and managing change, monitoring and evaluation, managing people and performance, training, time management, paperwork, money conflict and stress.

It has been written by Sandy Merritt Adirondack. She has more than 25 years experience in voluntary, community and campaigning groups as a volunteer, staff member, committee member and officer. She now works as a freelance management trainer and consultant for the voluntary sector.

Cheques for £8.10 (this includes 60p p&p) should be sent to Central Services, LVSC, 68 Chalton St, London NW1 1JR

The book will also be available from good bookshops and SCVS will be buying a copy for reference in the Information Centre.



**SELF HELP - OK!** Aims to promote an understanding of the nature and value of self-help groups and of support for those groups. The video shows

- \* The benefits of being a self help group member
- \* The nature and variety of self help groups
- \* Professionals & self help groups
- \* The role of support workers

The video is intended for voluntary and statutory workers in the field. There is a free booklet and poster available to accompany the video. The price is £15 +VAT and it is available from:-

**Nacab Vision**  
**Middleton House**  
**115/123 Pentonville Rd**  
**London N1 9LZ**  
**Tel: 01-833 2181**

## The London Grants Guide

Edited by Nicola Parker and John Stephen

This new and detailed guide contains comprehensive listings of sources of funding for London-based organisations, and information about many little known London charities for the relief of poverty. The book also lists the major sources of advice to grant-seeking organisations and includes background articles explaining how both public and private grant-makers approach their task.

Produced with the assistance of the City Parochial Foundation, the London Boroughs Grants Scheme and LVSC, it will be an indispensable guide for those seeking to fund voluntary work in London.

Price £9.95, available from:-  
**Directory of Social Change**  
**Radius Works**  
**Back Lane**  
**London NW3 1HL 01-435 8171**

SECTION 3: PUBLICATIONS  
 RESOURCES  
 FUNDING  
 EVENTS



## Money for people with disabilities...

The National Truss and Surgical Appliance Society will help people with severe disabilities of all kinds who can't afford to purchase items to help their mobility and independence.

These include special beds, mattresses, hoists, washing machines, special typewriters, outdoor wheelchairs, and adaptations to vehicles.

The society cannot help with debts, holidays or adaptation to houses.

Applications should be supported by a professional assessment from, for example, a social worker, health visitor or an other medical professional.

Application forms and further info is available from:-  
Honor Edwards  
Honorary Secretary  
51 Auckland Rd  
London SE19 2DR



### Lewisham &

### North Southwark JCC

#### - Joint Finance

Joint finance is money which is allocated to District Health Authorities separately from their mainstream allocation. Grants from Joint Finance are for use by statutory and voluntary bodies for schemes which help people to live as independent and normal a life as possible in the community.

The broad intention is to use Joint Finance to help initiate schemes which provide better total care for a client than if the money had been granted to a local authority or voluntary agency to set up day services for people returning to live in the community from long stay institutions.

The JCC anticipates to have £591,000 available to fund schemes, capital and/or revenue for the year 90/91. Application forms are available from Pamela Pryce on 639 2050 x 204. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 15th Sept 1989.



### J Anthony Clark Trust

A small fund has been established to provide scholarships of up to £500 for young people living in Inner London and known to the probation service, careers service or other statutory or voluntary agencies. Criteria for applications are: Age 16 and under 30 and wishing to take up an opportunity for training or self-development in arts, sports, technology, outdoor pursuits, educational travel or self-employment.

Applications should be made by the applicant in writing with details of the proposal and the name and telephone number of the sponsoring professional worker to:

J Anthony Clark Trust  
c/o Leslie Urbach  
Bermondsey Careers Office  
68b Old Kent Rd  
London SE1 7NU

See Section 1 for news about funding from the Inner Area Programme

# OUT IN SOUTHWARK

A DAY FOR LESBIANS  
AND GAY MEN

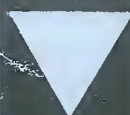
SATURDAY JULY 29th  
1.30pm - 11.30pm

Beormund Centre  
117 Abbey Street  
London SE1 2AN

COME FOR ALL  
OR PART OF THE DAY

HELP WITH TRANSPORT AVAILABLE  
FOR ANYONE WITH A DISABILITY

Southwark  
COUNCIL



DISPLAYS  
WORKSHOPS  
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LESBIAN AND GAY  
WORKING PARTY  
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ACCESS  
TRANSPORT  
SIGNERS  
FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION  
AND PROGRAMME  
CONTACT RICHARD  
OR NOLA ON  
703 0911  
(EXT 2166)

## SOUTHWARK WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

have organised the following  
workshops for July/Aug/Sept:

Eating Disorder Workshop from  
11-1 on the 18th July 1989

Thrush and Cystitis Workshop  
from 11-1 on 25th July 1989

Eczema and Psoriasis Workshop  
from 11-1 on 1st August 1989

Training and Education Day  
from 11-3 on 8th August 1989

Support for women with child-  
ren with long-term illness  
from 11-1 on 15th August 1989

These events will be taking  
place at Southwark Women's  
Centre, 2-8 Peckham High St,  
London SE15. Contact them  
for more details on 701 2564

There is a new Lesbian and  
Gay Unit in Southwark, which  
has two full time workers -  
Nola and Richard.

The Unit has been established  
to work with the Lesbian and  
Gay working party in reviewing  
the Council's policies and  
practices, with regard to les-  
bian and gay men, both as a  
provider of services and as an  
employer.

The Lesbian and Gay Working  
Party, which includes twelve  
community reps, is open to any  
one who wants to go along as  
an observer and is held every  
six weeks at the Town Hall.

One of the things that the  
Lesbian and Gay Unit point  
out is that we must continue  
to recognise that lesbians and  
gay men belong to diverse  
groups and communities. The  
lesbian and gay communities in  
Southwark include people from  
black and ethnic minority  
communities; people with disa-  
bilities; mothers, fathers, and  
people of all ages, classes, and  
religions.

If you would like further info.  
please contact Nola or Richard  
on 703 0911 x 2166/2167

## The Voluntary Sector &

## The European Community From 1992

Discussion to be held at  
Peckham Settlement  
Goldsmith Rd  
London SE15 5TF  
Tel: 639 1823/3825

The Speaker will be Bill Seary  
from NCVO. Refreshments at  
7.30. The settlement has  
good access for disabled. A  
creche can be provided -  
requests please by 24th July.

THURSDAY JULY 27th AT 8PM

## SOUTHWARK PHOENIX - WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGAN- ISATION have set up a :-

BLACK MEN & WOMEN  
Advice session on how  
to deal with stress  
depression, life-crisis...

It operates every Tuesday  
from 2-4pm at Southwark  
Black Workers Group, 352  
Camberwell New Rd, Camber-  
well Green. Phone Pat for an  
appointment on 693 8956







## "Moving On"

### Disability Arts Festival

Saturday 29th July 1989 is the finale of "MOVIN ON", the London Wide Disability Arts Festival - The event will incorporate: performances, exhibitions, a children's area, firework display, sports activities and much more. During the preceding week, events and activities are taking place throughout Southwark (and the rest of London) by and for disabled people. The highlight of this week is the large scale celebration in Burgess Park.

The Festival is organised by Southwark Leisure/Recreation and London Disability Arts Forum. They are inviting applications for stallholders for the day in Burgess park. The priority is to present activities which reflect and represent the ideals behind the Festival.

Therefore they are looking for stalls from groups and individuals which: provide info. on activities for disabled people, promote artistic activity by disabled people, highlight their creativity and reflect the main concerns of the London Disability Arts Forum. This means that they don't want tombola, bric-a-brac, or jumble stalls. Anyone interested should contact Alison Denning at Southwark Leisure and Recreation, on 703 3499 x 212/216 for an applic. form.

### INAUGURAL MEETING

Thurs. 20th July

12.30pm

at

Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Rd  
SE5 OHF

We're looking for a group of people interested in developing a mobile play resource centre for children with special needs which could be transported to different agencies and sites as needed. If you would like to share some ideas on how this project could be developed, please come to this first meeting. We want to form a steering group and get the project off the ground.

Bring a packed lunch - drinks provided - tell Janet Heatley on 639 5072 if you can come. If you can't come but are interested then let her know that too.

### Southwark Leisure Presents DREAD BEAT DRUM

By Dance Company 7 !!!!

Carl Campbell Dance Co. 7 will be staging the premiere performance of their new production DREAD BEAT DRUM on Saturday July 15th 1989 at the North Peckham Civic Centre at 8.00pm. Admission prices are £4 Waged and £2 for unwaged. The Programme promises to be a unique experience in dance, an exciting adventure into new and old areas of Afro-Caribbean dance.



### PUBLIC MEETING

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SUSPECTS' RIGHTS,  
POLICE POWERS AND  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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TUESDAY 18 JULY 7.30

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PECKHAM TOWN HALL  
PECKHAM RD. SE5

Organised by National Council for Civil Liberties (Liberty) & Southwark Black Workers Group. For more info. contact SBWG on 738 7105 LIBERTY on 403 3888

## At LSE

The London School of Economics now offers a post-graduate course (M.Sc.) specialising in the voluntary sector. It is the only course of its kind in this country.

The course deals with the problems and issues arising in the organisation and management of voluntary agencies including: accountability, relationships with central and local govt., self help and service provision, volunteering, governing bodies, the impact of funding, organisational change and growth, and inter-agency collaboration.

Students also study the social policy context within which the voluntary sector operates, along with a third subject relevant to individual needs. A dissertation provides an opportunity to pursue in depth a voluntary sector topic or issue of special interest.

The course is available full-time (one academic year of study) or part-time (two academic years). Every effort is made to ensure that part-timers are able to meet course requirements by attending at the LSE on one day only per week.

Applicants should normally be graduates who also have experience of working in or with the voluntary sector. Mature applicants who are not graduates but who have equivalent qualifications and experience may also be considered.

For more details and an application form, contact:  
Centre for Vol. Organisation  
LSE  
Houghton St  
London WC2A 2AE  
CVO Secretary, 405 7686x2960



The Lina Garnade Foundation offers a course in art and design for unemployed people over the age of 21. The Foundation has been running for four years and has achieved a high success rate in placing its students on degree courses in art and design.

For 1989/90 the course is set to move into new premises and expand from 20 to 40 students.

There has always been a good proportion of black students but they would like to encourage more black students to apply.

For an application form or further information please contact:-

Kay Fido  
Lina Garnade Foundation C'se  
Southwark Institute  
Tabard Branch  
Hunter Close  
London SE1  
Tel: 01 407 3230

## The Black Health Forum

This is a quarterly presentation of the National Community Health Resource Black Health Unit, which is held in various parts of the country. It brings together black and minority community health workers for discussion. Brent Health Education Unit will be host to the next forum, discussing "Health Education & the Black and Ethnic Communities". July 21

Details from Vaulta Watts on  
965 6566

## Shelter Training

Details of the following  
courses from Helen Danson,  
Shelter Training, 88 Old St,  
EC1V 9HU Tel: 253 0202 x266

- \* Public Sector Advanced Cse
- \* Campaigning on a shoestring
- \* Introduction to Housing
- \* Tied Accommodation
- \* How to Inspect

Courses take place late July through August.

## LVSC Computer Courses

There are still places left on the following courses. Details from Training Unit, LVSC, 68 Chalton St NW1 1JR Tel: 388 0241. Fee: £48 per day for voluntary and community groups.

- \* Word perfect '5' Jly 14 & 28
- \* Introduction to Spreadsheets Jly '9
- \* Introduction to Desktop publishing Jly 20

## SECTION 4 : TRAINING EMPLOYMENT





### ASHA Asian Women's Resource Centre

We are seeking two resource centre workers. The work involves providing advice information, casework and organising training and recreational activities. A knowledge of at least one Asian language and previous experience is desirable. ASHA works on a collective basis and the work demands self-motivation and initiative. The workers appointed will have good communication skills. **Salary Scale 6 £10,191-10,887 plus London Weighting**  
For further details telephone: **Shahida Omarshah on 682 0321**  
**Closing Date 4th August 1989**

### Southwark Muslim Women's Association

are looking for one playleader and two assistants to work with children of varied ages and ethnic backgrounds during their summer playscheme, which will last from 31st July to the 1st of September 1989.

The post will be for 30 hours per week and for the summer term only. We are looking for enthusiastic, self motivated people with playscheme experience - qualifications are an advantage. For further info. please contact the General Secretary of the Southwark Muslim Women's Centre, **Bellenden Old School, Bellenden Rd, London SE15**  
**Closing date 21/7/89**

### BLACK WOMANTALK

is looking for New & Exciting Short Stories for a forthcoming anthology. So send your stories NOW! to:

Black Womantalk  
P.O Box 32  
190 Upper St  
London N1

**Closing date: 31/7/89**

### Advice Worker

Busy Advice centre in Peckham, SE London requires full time locum - Sept. '89 to Aug '90.

The Advice Centre is based in an inner city area serving a community with a high proportion of Afro-Caribbean, Turkish and Vietnamese residents. We are a generalist advice centre specialising in Social Security, Housing (almost exclusively Local Authority) and Immigration & Nationality. We positively welcome applications from black and ethnic minorities.

**Salary - £12,327pa inc. L.W.**  
Pay rise due in July 1989  
For application form or an informal chat please telephone **639 5241**  
**Bellenden Neighbourhood Advice Centre**  
The Copleston Centre  
Copleston Rd  
London SE15 4AN  
**Closing Date 22/7/89**



## FATEBU/Replan

### Directory

The Forum for the Advancement of Training and Education for the Black Unemployed - (FATEBU), a group linked in to the Replan programme, is compiling a directory of groups that offer high quality training and education to unemployed black people.

Anyone interested in being included should forward her/his name and address to:  
**FATEBU/Replan Directory**  
**Room 450,**  
**Tavistock House South,**  
**Tavistock Square,**  
**London WC1H 9LR**  
**Tel: 01 387 3734**





# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION

**SCVS** NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 2 SEPT. 1989

This issue of Southwark Community Action is shorter than usual due to staff holidays and a general period of inactivity in the voluntary sector over the last few hot summer weeks. However things are getting back to normal here and in other community groups and we hope the information in this issue is of value.

We had a very weedy response to the request in the last issue for groups to send us some information about themselves ie annual report or publicity leaflet. We really need this info. on file so that we can build up a comprehensive picture of community action in Southwark.

From Thursday 29th Sept. the Information and Resource Centre will be open during the following times every week:

Mon: 10-5pm  
Tues: 10-12.30  
Wed: 10-5pm  
Thurs: 10-12.30

Please remember that at present there are only two full time staff and sometimes sickness, holidays, training and outside commitments get in the way of the best laid plans but we will do our best to see that SCVS remains staffed and open at these times. So if you need information on funding, resources, training etc or want to use our resources to put together a leaflet or photo-copy your group's minutes then call in or phone at the specified times.

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL  
FOR VOLUNTARY  
SERVICE  
135 RYE LANE  
PECKHAM  
LONDON SE15

Tel: 732 3731

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKERS' FORUM

The next meeting of the Voluntary Sector Workers' Forum will be held at SCVS offices on Tuesday 19th Sept

We're meeting at 1pm for lunch, so bring something to eat. The meeting starts at 2pm prompt.

Kiruba Moodley, Head of Policy at Southwark Council, has been invited to discuss such issues with us, as:

Central Grants Committee  
Council Restructuring

LBS Consultative Process

Hers will be the opening address of the meeting.

The Forum was formed in response to requests from workers for a forum for discussion of those issues affecting the voluntary sector. It was felt that a forum such as this would enable greater liaison and communication to take place between workers from different groups.

If you are a worker in the voluntary sector in Southwark, then this meeting is for you. Please try to attend if you can. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCVS is looking for new management committee members. If you are interested & want to find out more about SCVS work and what it means to be a member of the management, then contact:

Shirley or Nuala  
on 732 3731

For an informal  
discussion

## SECTION 1

## SCVS WORK





## TRAINING COURSES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS IN SOUTHWARK

These training courses are open to all management committee members, volunteers and staff members of community groups, tenants associations and voluntary organisations in Southwark.

A deposit is required when booking a place (£10 for groups with paid workers, £5 for groups without paid workers) - this will be returned after you attend the course. No other charge is made, however meals are not provided unless specified.

Creche facilities will be available if required and all venues have full wheelchair access. If you have any queries please ring Nuala Conlan (SCVS) 732 3731 or Christine Smalligan (community Development Unit LBS) 703 0911 x 2126.

Booking forms are available from Chris at the Community Development Unit.

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### Running a Trouble-free Office

**Trainer:** Sandy Adirondack  
**Date:** Thurs. 12th October  
**Time:** 9.30-4.30pm  
**Venue:** To be confirmed

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### Making Meetings Work

**Trainer:** Shirley Otto  
**Date:** Saturday 21st Oct.  
**Time:** 10.00-4.30pm  
**Venue:** Graca Machel House,  
207 Havil St, SE5

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### Public Speaking

**Trainer:** Mary Stacey  
**Date:** Saturday 11th Nov.  
**Time:** 10.00-4.30pm  
**Venue:** Graca Machel House  
207 Havil St, SE5

## Time and Stress Management

**Trainer:** Helen Zarod  
**Date:** 20 and 21st Nov.  
**Time:** 9.30-4.30pm  
**Venue:** Graca Machel House  
207 Havil St, SE5

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## Campaigning and Lobbying

**Trainer:** Maggie Lough  
**Date:** 30 Nov. and 1 Dec.  
**Time:** 9.30-4.30pm  
**Venue:** To be confirmed

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## Tenants' Association Committee Skills

**Trainer:** SCDF Training Group  
**Date:** 1,8,15, and 22 Nov.  
**Time:** 10.00-2.00pm  
**Venue:** To be confirmed

**Session 1: Who does what on the Committee,** looks at the purpose of the Tenants Association and the duties of the Committee as a whole, of the Officers and the Committee members. Includes a brief overview of some of the legal responsibilities of the TA.

**Session 2: Conducting Effective Meetings,** will examine good practice in chairing the meetings, setting the agenda, taking minutes and participating in meetings.

**Session 3: Who's Who in Local Government,** deals with the role of Councillors and Council Committees, responsibilities of various Departments and officers, and ways of getting info- and putting your views across.

**Session 4: Negotiation Skills,** How to develop your position and a plan of action, put it across to the right people, follow up and learn from the results.







Bored already by adverts for Europe 1992? The implementation of the Single European Act, doesn't just have implications for the commercial sector. It will affect the voluntary sector too, not just in terms of new fields of funding but also in a wider political decision making context.

Mrs Thatcher's fears about "backdoor socialism" might be nonsensical but there are clear indications that the Act will open up new political channels for voicing workers' rights.

But we should be questioning what will happen after 1992. As Mandana Hendessi points out in her article 'Europe 1992' reproduced below, the position of migrant workers in Europe could be made worse by the Act. Many of the individual items of legislation that are being produced in order to achieve the 1992 targets have consequences for the voluntary sector eg.

- VAT rates. The zero rates on food, children's clothes, and publications is at risk.

- Minibus drivers' licences, which would involve special tests even for non-commercial use.

- Greater convergence in social security systems.

to name only a few.

We should be informing ourselves now in preparation for 1992. Two major conference are coming up this autumn. You can also contact your MEP for Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark at the following address:

Richard Balfe MEP  
132-152 Powis St  
London SE18 6NL  
Tel: 855 2128

## THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

### Some basic facts...

The current members of the European Community are:- Belgium, Denmark, West Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the UK Luxembourg, Netherlands, and Portugal.

In 1987 the Member States agreed upon a new treaty, the "Single European Act" giving the Community some new institutions and a target date for establishing a single market.

### Resources

The EC budget is decided by the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament. The budget for 1989 is about 45 billion ecu (approx £29,000,000,000). This money is raised from a part of the VAT we pay and from various other duties and levies. It is mainly spent on the work of the Commission, including the Common Agricultural Policy which in 1989 takes 60% of the budget.

### Currency

For most currency (but not for sterling) the exchange rates are kept more or less constant by the **European Monetary System**. The institutions of the EEC do their financial calculations in **ecu** which is a notional unit calculated by adding together national currencies in fixed proportions. In April 1989 this resulted in the ecu being equivalent to 65p.

### European Commission

The Commission is composed of 17 members appointed jointly by the Governments of the Member States for a period of four years, during which their loyalty is to the Community and not to their individual countries. The Commission is based in Brussels and has a permanent staff of some 15,000.

The Commission is empowered to act for the Community as a whole on specified matters.

### Council of Ministers

Supreme executive and legislative authority in the Community. Each member state has one representative - the Minister responsible for whichever matter the Council is discussing.

### Coreper

Twelve ambassadors, one from each member state.

### European Parliament

518 directly elected member representing Community citizens. Members serve for 5 years. Members do not sit in national groupings, but in **European Party groupings**.

### Economic and Social Committee

189 members (24 from the UK) representing employers, trade unions and miscellaneous interests.

### European Council

Its function, which could be described as being to exercise strategic guidance over Community affairs is not laid down anywhere.

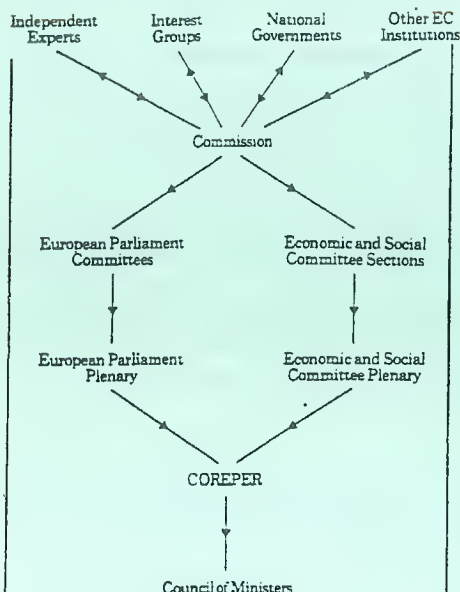
### European Court Of Justice

Composed of 13 judges, appointed for 6 years each by agreement among Member States.

## SECTION 2

## BURNING ISSUES





### Getting your voice heard

Lobbying could be directed at either the local MEP or another MEP with special interests. One of the secrets of successful lobbying in the EC is to identify partners in other countries with whom common positions can be established.

NCVO brief. For more info. Contact Bill Seary 636 4066

### EUROPE 1992

The spirit of the 1992 Europe is feared by some voluntary organisations to be one of tightening up on non-EEC migrant labour. Is this fear justified?

According to **Whose Europe**, an organisation founded to campaign against racism in Europe wide immigration policies, member states are already preparing the scene, with West Germany encouraging the return of migrant Turkish and Kurdish workers and Britain imposing visa requirements on Turkish nationals.

The main implication of a single European market for migrants stems from the application of the principle of 'harmonisation'. This means bringing many laws and rules of EC member countries in line with each other and with EC regulations.

Although the single European market would mean the abolition of checks on EC nationals (as opposed to residents) at internal frontiers it would also mean restricting the numbers of non-EC nationals especially from the 'third world' coming into Europe.

There are moves to co-ordinate EC states' rules on residence, entry and access to employment. A co-ordinated policy on the right of asylum and the position of refugees is being sought as well as a common policy on visas with the adoption of a 'eurovisa'.

This has given rise to EC ministers drawing up a list of over 50 countries, largely Asian, African and Eastern European, whose nationals require visas to enter any single European country. A greater reliance on internal immigration controls including immigration status checks at the workplace, in hospitals, schools, housing and social security offices is anticipated, barring migrants access to essential services. This could mean the introduction of identity cards and spot checks on people assume to be immigrants as already happens in some European countries.

Two major conferences are taking place in October this year. For further details contact the Refugee Forum, 54 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RG. Tel 482 3829.

This article is adapted from a piece written by Mandana Hendessi, Head of LVSC Migrant Service Unit, first published in Voluntary Voice Aug/Sept issue.



## Health News

### SOUTHWARK PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT

Southwark Council's Public Protection Department has commissioned a consultant to look into ways of promoting good health amongst Southwark's inhabitants.

In Southwark, problems including unemployment, low incomes, poor housing, dangerous and frightening streets and estates and racial harassment put a lot of strain on many people. As a result Southwark has some of the worst health problems in the country.

Possibilities the Council are considering are:

- \* Setting up a new centre in the Borough which could be staffed and offer services, resources and facilities to local people.
- \* Giving more support, back-up and resources to existing groups and people wanting to set up new groups.
- \* A combination of these.

They will be holding two consultancy meetings so if you wish to attend, contact Issy Cole-Hamilton, LFC Consultants, 88 Old St, London EC1V 9AR, 253 9513

The meetings are planned for

**Thurs. 28th Sept**

or

**Sat. 30th Sept**

**10.30-12.30pm**

at

**Southwark Town Hall**

**Peckham Rd**

**London SE5**

**Stop Press....**

Southwark Council is holding a major public meeting on Guy's opt out, entitled 'The Future of the Health Service?'. It will be held at 7pm on Thursday September 14th at Rotherhithe Civic Centre, Albion St, London SE16.



## Two New Publications from LVSC

'Taxing London: Briefings on the Poll Tax for Community Organisations in London'

&

'Implementing the Poll Tax: a Guide to Community Charge Practice Notes and Regulations for Voluntary Organisations in London'

Both of these publications are written by Mehryar Entezari. **Taxing London** is a pack containing eight inserts covering the impact of Poll Tax on various sections of the community. **Implementing the Poll Tax** is a concise handbook summarising the main points in the community charge practice notes and regulations issued by the Dept. of the Environment, which may be of concern to the voluntary sector.

To order these publications contact:

Central Services  
LVSC  
68 Chalton St  
London NW1 1JR

**'GRANTS FROM EUROPE: How to get money and influence policy'** - Ann Davison-Bedford Square Press

This is the fifth edition of the practical guide on how to get money from the EEC.

It gives information on

- \* how the EEC works
- \* How to influence policy
- \* key contacts in Brussels and the UK, giving names, addresses and telephone nos.
- \* How to apply for grants & assess the chance of success
- \* What problems to expect along the way.

The information is clearly set out in categories eg. women, poverty etc and is a good source of further information sources.

It costs £6.50 and is available from:

Bedford Square Press  
26 Bedford Square  
London WC1 3HU  
Tel: 636 4066

## WOMEN ALONE

is a group for women who are facing living without someone they were once close to.

It is a small group who meet together once a week with an experienced and qualified leader.

It is for any woman living in North Southwark who finds that missing someone is causing pain or difficulty in their life: your husband passing away, a relationship breaking up etc.

To find out more about the group contact Ruth Ford, The Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 OAS  
Telephone 928 6476



## PHOTOGRAPHY & POLITICS WORKSHOP



**B** LACKFRIARS  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
PROJECT

177 ABBEY STREET  
LONDON SE13NS

TEL: 01-237 9312

Phone for creche details

Tutors: Dave Lewis & Arne Sjogren

Thursdays 6.30-9.30pm

Starts: Thursday September 28

Beginners welcome

## SHAKTI

(South Asian  
Lesbian and  
Gay Network)

A befriending service for Asian men and women who are homosexual, or bisexual, **SHAKTI** is an organisation for Asian people, run by Asian people who are going through, or have gone through the same experiences as you.

For advice, information and help call the following numbers and ask about **SHAKTI**.

Women 885 3543 office hrs  
802 8981 office hrs

Men 993 9001 Eve. & Wknd  
837 2782 office hrs

## THE LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS COMMITTEE

What is the scheme?

The London Boroughs Grants scheme was established in October 1985 by all the London Borough Councils to make grants to voluntary organisations providing a service to more than one London Borough. The grants are awarded by the grants Committee which is comprised of 33 members - one from each of the London Boroughs and one from the City of London. The grants Committee is served by the Grants Unit which is based in Twickenham. Pto.

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Who can apply?

A voluntary organisation must prove that:

- \* It is a non-profit making organisation
- \* It is not a public or local authority
- \* EITHER it provides a service of benefit to London as a whole or an area wider than one Borough.
- \* OR it provides or is planning an innovative service of benefit to London as a whole

The last date of submission of application form is 29th Sept. 1989. So hurry!!! Contact the administrative division of the Grants Unit on 891 5021

**The  
Voluntary  
Services  
Unit**  
at the Home Office

The Voluntary Services Unit acts as a link between voluntary organisations and Government departments. The Unit encourages voluntary activity and can provide grants in certain circumstances.

The unit makes grants to national voluntary groups, organisations and projects which encourage voluntary action by people to improve the resources and facilities in their neighbourhood, and small local projects if they break new ground and their findings are likely to be of interest over a much wider area.

The unit employs experienced consultants who can advise organisations considering applying for a grant.

**Contact:**  
The Grants Section  
Voluntary Services Unit  
Home Office  
50 Queen Annes Gate  
London SW1 9AT

Tel: 273 2537



Exhibition by Southwark's artists of multi media work. on show till 28th Sept. 1989. Free admission at both venues

**South London Art Gallery**  
65 Peckham Rd  
London SE5 8UH

**Southwark College Gallery**  
342/3 Elephant & Castle  
Shopping Centre  
London SE1 6TE

Phone 703 6120 for details

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Composed by: Cosmo Ben Imhotep  
Musical Director: Cosmo Ben Imhotep  
Lighting: Paul Mats

Cast  
Susan Lycell  
Hugh King  
Lavern Archer  
Shango Baku

**THE BASE**  
59 BETHWIN ROAD, CAMBERWELL SE5

**5TH SEPT — 1ST OCTOBER**  
STARTS 8.00 P.M. SUN-MAT 5.00 P.M., 8.00 P.M.  
TICKETS: TUES - THURS £5.50 FRI-SUN £6.50  
BOX OFFICE 01 708 1537



## CAMBRIDGE HOUSE & TALBOT

Local people and staff are celebrating the centenary of their community organisation

Today Cambridge House is a multi-purpose social action and community education centre. Working with local people, Cambridge House provides a wide range of resources and services to offer practical help and the means of empowering individuals and communities.

Cambridge House also provides low cost accommodation and resources to other small voluntary organisations and self organised community groups working in Southwark.

All users and supporters are cordially invited to join in the events that have been organised to celebrate the centenary:

**Gala Charity Show, Sat 16th Sept. at Cambridge House**

**Childrens Football Clinic, Wed. 27th Sept, with Millwall Sports Team, at Bethwin Adventure Playground**

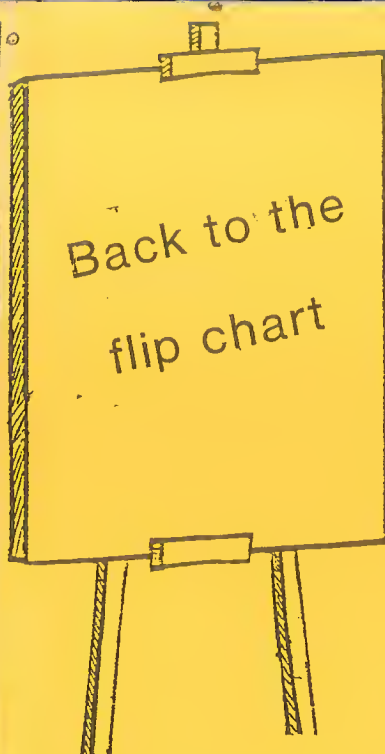
**Charity Theatre Performance of "A Flea in Her Ear" at The Old Vic Thur. 28th Sept**

**Open Day & Fund Raising Event, Sat 30 Sept, 12-6pm at Cambridge House. Stalls, Displays, Food, Ents etc**

For more details contact Joan Millbank at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Rd, London SE5, Tel 703 5025







Autumn is the time when refreshed from our holidays in Gatwick's departure lounge, we return home feeling the need to widen our horizons.

There are a large number of training courses on offer to paid workers, management committee members and volunteers over the next three months.

The fees for these courses vary enormously, so talk to the organisers at length to see if theirs is the right course for you. However the quality of the training from all the organisations listed below is consistently high.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT SECTION 1: SCVS WORK FOR DETAILS OF THE CDF COURSES THIS AUTUMN!!!**

### DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

The Directory of Social Change is running a number of courses covering five different areas this autumn. These are fund-raising, communication skills, management skills, accounting, and personal skills.

For further information contact Anne McLaughlin, Directory of Social Change, Radius Works, Back Lane, London NW3 1HL (431 1817).

### LOCAL ACCOUNTANCY PROJECT

LAP have organised the following courses to run from September to December:- Basic Community Accounting

Fund Raising

Grant Applications

Community Accounting

Budgets and Cashflow

Incorporation

Pay As You Earn

Statutory Sick Pay

Statutory Maternity Pay

Half Yearly Accounts

Charities

Petty Cash System

For details of fees and registration forms, contact Cyndi at the Thomas Calton Centre, on 358 0678



### LVSC TRAINING UNIT DIRECTORY

The London Voluntary Service Council's Training Directory for Autumn 1989 is now available. It covers short courses, meetings, and conferences for those active in the community and voluntary sector.

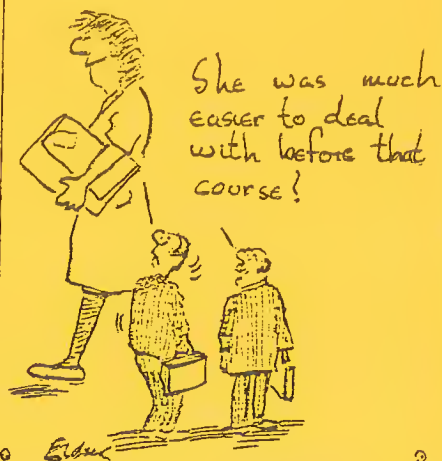
It gives details of courses covering a wide range of issues; AIDS/HIV, children, community work, computers, environment, disability, equal opportunities, health, management, publicity, welfare rights to name only a few.

It is an essential publication. SCVS has a few copies in the Information Centre. Alternatively contact LVSC Training Unit, 68 Chalton St London NW1 Tel: 388 0241.

### GETTING THE BEST FOR YOUR MEMBERS

Southwark Trade Union Support Unit are running a short course on personal skills for union reps. It will cover negotiating, time management, advocacy, etc. The tutor is Martin Bamford from the Centre for Trade Union Studies at the South Bank Polytechnic. It runs on Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm starting on October 10th for five consecutive weeks.

Ring 582 0996 for details



### BOOKPLACE CLASSES

The Bookplace in Peckham is offering a wide range of classes covering: Maths, Computers, Black Studies, Return to Study, English for Bilingual Women, Creole Writing Group, English, and Study Drop in. If you're interested then contact:

The Bookplace  
13 Peckham High St  
Peckham  
London SE15 5EB

Tel: 701 1757

## SECTION 4 TRAINING EMPLOYMENT





## WOMEN'S TRAINING LINK Autumn/Winter Programme

Women's Training Link have an interesting range of courses on offer this autumn. This includes courses on:-

Women in Management

Managing your Project's Money

Fund Raising

Confidence Building

Black Women's Creative Writing

Counselling Skills for Lesbians

For more details, contact:

Women's Training Link  
Wesley House  
4 Wild Court  
London WC2B 5AU

Tel: 242 6050



## 1992 AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

A one day introductory work shop for community and voluntary organisations on the impact for social policy of the European Community's 1992 Programme.

The workshop will be held at

The Polytechnic of North London  
Prince of Wales Rd  
London NW5 3LB

Thurs. September 21 1989  
10am-4pm

The conference costs £30 (inc. meal and materials). It is jointly organised by PNL and NCVO. For more details contact Dave Edey on 607 2789 x 4005

## Situations Vacant

Lewisham & N. Southwark  
Health Authority

Health Promotion  
Officer

Sal: £5967 - £7184  
(Job Share)

Our Health Promotion Unit is well established and aims to stimulate an interest in, and an awareness of Health Promotion and Education.

We now need an enthusiastic professional to Job Share this post, as part of a team of 8 committed Health Promotion Officers.

You will be acting as a liaison officer for the voluntary sector and community groups - identifying health problems and training needs, carrying out appropriate in-service training, providing an advisory and consultancy service.

A relevant qualification would be desirable, but experience of health education and community development are essential.

For further information please contact the District Health Promotion Officer on 690 4311 x 6285.

AIMING TO BE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

"An opportunity to join a pioneering community project for people with learning difficulties"

ONLY CONNECT aims: to improve the quality of life for people with learning difficulties and their families living in Southwark, to open up the resources of the community and to enlarge the range of choices available to them.

It is part of a long established multi purpose centre for social action, based in Camberwell. We are looking for a part-time (17½ hours per week) VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR to:

- Recruit and co-ordinate the work of volunteers on project activities
- Organise support/training activities for project volunteers
- to liaise with the other agencies working for people with learning difficulties

Further details and application form from:

The Administrator  
Only Connect Project  
Cambridge House  
131 Camberwell Rd  
London SE5 0HF  
Tel: 701 0769

The closing date for returned application forms is Thursday 5th October. Salary Scale - APT 5 pt.22 £11,058 (inc.LW) PRO RATA

Cambridge House and Talbot is working towards becoming an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## RATES FOR ADVERTISING & INSERTS

SITUATIONS VACANT - Statutory organisations £25  
Voluntary organisations FREE  
(small donation if possible)

INSERTS - All established groups £20

New groups, small donation if possible

Because of the cost of postage, we limit the number of insertions to 4 per mail-out, decided on a first come first served basis. The deadline for copy for next issue of Southwark Community Action is FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER. Send to Shirley Grieve, SCVS, 135 Rye Lane, London SE15. Tel: 732 3731



# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION

## SCVS

## NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 5

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Principal Reference Library

155/157 Walworth Road

LONDON SE17 1RS

Talking too early could  
Tel: 01-708 0516 DIRECT LINE

### CARING FOR PEOPLE IN SOUTHWARK

We in the voluntary sector have been very concerned at the loud silence from Southwark Council Social Services Department in relation to its proposals for implementing the recommendations of the **White Paper-Caring for people**. The department will have a lead role in restructuring care in the community in line with the White Paper recommendations. Requests for information from the voluntary sector to Social Services were being met with responses that social services officers were "advising senior management" on the perceived implications of the paper. What this meant to us was unclear. When would they start to liaise with the voluntary sector on the implications for groups and for service delivery.

Eventually, we in the voluntary sector decided to start asking questions of Social Services openly, so we invited them to "appear" at the voluntary sector Workers Forum. This proved to be a very useful move as the officers who attended were willing to enter into a dialogue with the voluntary sector. They were also open to "hearing" our views on the lack of consultation at that point in time. They agreed with us that it had indeed been lax. This was because the department was in a quandry about when to speak to the voluntary sector.

"raise expectations" and talking too late-well, was-too late!! Under the White Paper the council will become enablers of care provision rather than necessarily being direct service providers.

This provision can come from the "independent sector" ie, private enterprise, or the voluntary sector. The potential implications of this are very far-reaching groups who are currently grant-aided by the council could/will? become "competitive tenderers" as service providers in the future. Will groups be ready for this?

What training will be necessary for groups to move from being voluntary ie, managed by voluntary management committees, to being managed by a "Board of Directors".?

Will Social Services Department provide the necessary support/advice and most important of all training to voluntary groups to ensure they can confidently take on their new roles.

Internally Social Services has "Departmental Planning groups". These are client related. This means they are groups with a brief for:

Carers

Mental Health

Physical Disabilities

Children

Learning Difficulties

Their intention at present is to support the setting up of voluntary sector **Client Interest Groups** which would feed into the Department Planning Group. Its not clear as yet exactly how they envisage this working. How will the Departmental Planning Groups ensure that they listen to the

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client interest groups. How will the client interest groups actually influence Departmental decision making. These proposals are being put forward to Social Services Committee on April 4th for Councillor agreement.

SCVS and SDA being impatient with the initial lack of consultation from Social Services have organised a seminar on Care in the Community.

This will take place on:  
Friday 6th April 1990  
At: Gracha Machel House,  
207 Havil Street, London SE5.  
2pm - 5pm.

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The Directors of Southwark Social Services has been invited to speak, as well as representatives from Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority, and Camberwell Health Authority. There will also be a speaker from London Voluntary Service Council.

Our intention is to set up a Community Care Forum in Southwark. This will hopefully act as a source of information, advice, and support to voluntary sector groups involved in Health and Community Care Projects and those potentially involved under the new structure.

It will attempt to ensure the full range of diverse views of voluntary sector groups are harnessed to plan and implement Health and Community Care Services.

The Forum should be structured in such a way as to guarantee a voice for all groups. It will be your forum. So make sure you attend on the 6th April. Social Services are contributing to the seminar by providing creche, signers, material on tape/braille and most importantly of all transport for those who need it.

If you have not already received notification of the seminar and would like to attend, please contact: Nuala Conlan on 732 3731. If you are unable to attend but would like to be put on the "Forum" mailing list please also let me know.

SECTION 1.  
SCVS  
Work

#### HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR 1990/91.

SCVS is currently very pleased with the way successful lobbying from the voluntary sector ensured that grants from the Health and Community Services Committee (HACS) to groups will be increased.

We are not sure of the exact distribution of funds from the Committee as yet because we await the next HACS committee meeting, on 29th March. (It's in the Town Hall at 7pm).

Following a series of meetings with and letter to councillors in Southwark alongside deputations to HACS committee, Labour Group and Policy Committee, the Policy and performance Review Committee agreed on March 5th that an extra £170,000 be allocated to the HACS committee budget with the first call being to give inflation protection to voluntary sector advice centres. Some of these centres have been surviving for the last three years on no increases at all for inflation.

Community Centres in Southwark have also suffered inordinately over the last three years with frozen posts, reduction in resources, and occasionally posts have disappeared before our very eyes. However, we must not rest on our laurels for too long. Getting funded at existing levels plus inflation, in most cases, brings us back up to 87/88 levels of funding. While we are relieved not to cut to bits, we are still barely able to plan for growth in the delivery of our services to the community. Did we in the voluntary sector convince the Councillors we spoke to that our services were vital for the residents of Southwark? This we will never know.

There was a perceptible change in attitude of Councillors compared to previous years. They appeared to accept readily that we in the voluntary sector needed more funding to be able to survive. One important issue for groups to remember is that Conditions of Grant Aid must be signed by groups, or a good reason given why not.

Some Councillors appeared to want this tightened up considerably. Lets hope they manage to tighten it up from the Council side as well.

Now that we have reached the nineties it would be nice to see meaningful and effective discussions taking place between the Council and the voluntary sector/community sector on such issues as monitoring, service delivery, and maybe the possibility of three year grant giving cycles, instead of the yearly trudge off to the Town Hall to ensure our groups' survival. If we in the voluntary sector could use this time to improve our planning and service delivery to our users, then everyone would be better off!!!! Would'nt they ??.

SCVS would like to thank those of you who trudged with us to the Town Hall on various evenings. Its all of us working together and supporting each other that eventually makes a difference. (I'm such a Grovel!). Its with your support that we in SCVS can be effective (and a loud) voice for the voluntary/community sector in Southwark.

#### CONDITIONS OF GRANT-AID AND LONG TERM FUNDING

We at SCVS have not been "resting on our laurels" and have begun looking into the Conditions of grant aid, and 3 year funding and Codes of Partnership between the voluntary sector and Local authorities.

Haringey and Waltham Forest are the 2 London Boroughs which currently have agreed longer term funding, even the bastions of Conservatism Kingston and Barnet have placed it on the agenda. Haringey are now coming to the end of the first 3 year cycle, and Waltham Forest are at the beginning.

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In Southwark the change in attitude Nuala referred to of councillors is HACS decision to begin looking into possible longer term funding for the next financial year and a report being circulated by Leisure Services which talks of a review of conditions of grant aid with particular reference to determining the maximum level and length of funding as well as referring to a concurrent report of the Director of Policy and Admin Committee's, which approved (in 1988) in principle to the introduction of a 3 year funding period in order to facilitate regular--effective review of the voluntary sector funding.

We've had meetings with organisers in Haringey and Waltham Forest and have begun liaison with council officials here, to extract as much information as possible.

The next VSWF meeting will focus on Conditions of Grant Aid and three year funding.

Where hopefully we'll have speakers from Waltham Forest and Haringey. If you are interested in reading any of the material before-hand, just pop into the office for a copy.

Sonia

#### VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKERS FORUM IN SOUTHWARK

As you will have read in the previous newsletters this forum has been "up and running" since June of last year.

So far the Forum has mostly had speakers from Southwark Council. In recent months we have concentrated our energies on ensuring the survival of groups and therefore services to the community in the coming year. Speakers from Southwark Social Services who spoke about funding from Social Services to groups, and their plans on the White Paper-Caring for People.

At the March meeting we welcomed Lincoln Williams and Dave Griffiths from Continuing Education in Southwark to speak to us on their plans in this area for the coming year. We were pleased and we are sure those of you funded by Education Committee will be pleased to hear that all the groups they have promised 4 month funding to will now be funded for all of the coming year. This refers to groups outside the youth service. However, you must ensure you have signed your Conditions of Grant Aid

You must also tell the officers in the Education division if your allotted grant does not incorporate the 8.6% pay award. Apparently they calculated on 7% so there may be a discrepancy in what you have received. Unfortunately, when we probed into this "goodwill" funding of groups we discovered that the situation may not be so rosy next year when the Education Department gets its head around what groups are funded, monitoring, service delivery, and the usual issues pertaining to the giving of grants. We were heartened to hear them speak of wishing to find new ways of looking at monitoring, and the relationship of link officers, and maybe there was a whisper about serious consideration of the grant giving mechanisms. Are these working effectively? Could they be improved? These are all issues which we hope our colleagues in the statutory sector will discuss with us in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th at 2.00pm

Venue to be arranged.

There will be speakers on Three year grant giving cycles.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND

#### TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS IN SOUTHWARK

Organisation of the Summertime Training has been happening. You will shortly be receiving your programme details.

Training on offer will include:  
Report Writing  
Assertiveness for Black Women  
Equal Opportunity/Recruitment and Selection  
Minute Taking  
Management Committee Skills  
First Aid  
Time and Stress Management  
How the Council Operates.

Those of you who are familiar with our training programme will spot some of the old favourites which are constantly overbooked like Time and Stress Management, and recruitment and Selection. We have ventured into new areas this session with an accredited course on First Aid. In order to get all the material in, the tutors have insisted that they must have four full days ie, 9am -5.00pm

You will also have received in recent weeks a questionnaire asking about your training needs, and what resources you can offer. Please do return this as it will form the basis of future training for the voluntary sector in Southwark.

I have been doing some snooping in other boroughs and have come to the conclusion that we are not behind in our training provision for the voluntary sector in Southwark.

But we do need to know what you need/want.

If you have any queries on training; please contact:

NUALA CONLAN 732 3731

CRIS SMALLIGAN 703 0911



## WORKING CONDITIONS AND PAY

I'm struggling here, after a few weeks of looking into the area, I've found out that it is vast. I don't want to just choose an area at random, plagiarise an article, or do the work that Unions must do. What I do think is necessary is to raise the debate through informed discussions. So without putting SCVS up as Southwark's Shop Stewards, I think at this stage that it'd be best for us to come to you "OUR READERS" "THE NOT YET SAINTED" Community Workers. We could begin with a list of gripes the areas within which you are having problems or may need assistance for future reference.

I'll kick off with a few areas people have contacted us already about and which have come up during my talks with Paul Adabie the Southwark rep for ACTSS.

Contracts of Employment:  
Maternity Pay  
Different Types of Leave  
Redundancy Pay  
Job Evaluation - for Increment/  
Scale Progression  
Pensions

There are probably lots more. What I'd like is for you to ring me or write to me saying which areas you are interested in getting more information on, I'll then be able to break down the information in this area according to specified need. Our role at SCVS in this instance is informational, so I'd look to try and show you the type of choices you have. I thought also it'd be helpful if we looked at other working examples, and take as working examples the contracts of four organisations. So if your interested then let me know.

Thanks a lot.....Sonia

## TRAINING NETWORK IN SOUTHWARK

The first meeting of the Network took place recently in Southwark. It is hoped that it will provide an "information pool" for those who have training as part of their work, those who are involved in direct training provision, and for those who are looking for a specific piece of training and need advice on where to look for it.

The meeting was well attended with a lot of interest being expressed in cross-borough as well as cross-discipline networking. The future of education lies with Southwark Council, therefore those who used to be funded by the ILEA and who had access to the incredible amount of support training will no longer have this facility. Alongside this, education providers have a wealth of resources which can possibly be made available more widely.

Eventually it would be useful to have an information bank of exactly what training is on offer in Southwark, and how to tap into it. This could create links across organisations and perhaps provide some training for groups more cost effectively.

If you are interested in the Network please attend the next meeting:

At: GRACHA MACHEL HOUSE,  
207 HAVIL STREET, LONDON SE5.

2.30pm. - Tuesday 8th May 1990.

In the meantime if you have any queries, please contact Nuala on 732 - 3731

## TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE COUNCIL (TEC) IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

We advised you of the setting up of the TEC in South London in the last newsletter.

TECs are the key feature of the Government's strategy to meet labour market demand through the 1990s. They are to be independent employer-led bodies on contract to the Department of Employment.

They will replace Training Agency Area Offices and will have responsibility for the Youth Training Scheme, Employment Training, and other programmes aimed at stimulating enterprise at local level. As stated in the last newsletter, each TEC Board must be drawn from top executives of local companies. The remainder will come from local training, education, trade unions, voluntary sector, and small employers. The local authority will also have a seat on the board.

This system will present problems for the voluntary sector. TECS is part of the move towards market forces dictating the way training will operate in the future. Although this will be more locally based training, it will still have implications for groups that are currently being excluded and ignored by current Government led schemes.

If care is not taken, competition within the voluntary sector may lead to a reduction in training opportunities for special needs groups. It will also affect voluntary sector relationship with the local authority, Trade Unions, and other community interest groups. What will happen to groups who wish to organise training on areas outside the perceived needs of the TEC Board?

Discussions must begin within the voluntary sector and across sectors to see what our reactions are to the TEC and what the implications of its being set up are on the community in Southwark

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SCVS in conjunction with the Careers Service are organising a seminar to address these very issues.

The Seminar will be held on:  
10th APRIL 1990:

At Gracha Machel House  
207 HAVIL STREET,  
London SE5. (Fully Accessible)

Time: 1pm - 5pm.

Speakers from: Training Agency, Voluntary Sector, Local Employer Network, TEC.

Workshops on: 1. Structure of the TEC (How to have your voice heard) 2. Implications for Black Groups. 3. Implications for potential Trainees under the new structure. 4. How will Southwark Council work with the TEC?

The findings from the seminar will be sent to the South Thames TEC, Southwark Council, Training Forum in Southwark, and other relevant national bodies.

If you wish to attend please Contact:

NUALA CONLAN - 732 - 3731  
LESLEY URBACH - 701 - 7171

#### MENTAL HEALTH FORUM IN SOUTHWARK

Approaches have been made to SCVS to start up a **Mental Health Forum in Southwark** to enable users of mental health services, providers of mental health services, and in some instances carers of users to come together to discuss local mental health services and methods of improving these.

The Forum would also present a chance for community and advice workers to discuss mental health issues as it relates to their services. Community groups should therefore be involved in the development of the forum.

Issue which could be tackled by the forum might include:

\* Determining whether all users of services have adequate and equal access to information on service provision.

- \* Identifying and opposing racist practices in service delivery.
- \* Identifying and opposing sexist practices in service delivery.
- \* Information dissemination on local mental health services. (This would be provided by users of the service as well as workers).

If you are interested in being part of establishing the forum, or you would like more information, please contact any of the following:-

Malcolm Alexander - 703 - 9498

Peter Firth - 639 - 7064

Nuala Conlan - 732 - 3731



#### "PECKHAM POMP"

'This known and unknown being'

Southwark Council Planning Department have now put 'the word' out about the proposed building of a "Pomp" complex in Peckham. We've heard them speaking to the voluntary sector at the voluntary sector workers forum and to the black community, at the Black People and Planning Conference. So what is the word.

#### Common Knowledge:-

Flaxyard Builders have applied for planning permission for a site behind Peckham High Street, stretching down along Sumner Estate.

It will be 500,000 Sq metres. Out of this they propose to use 300,000 Sq mtrs for office space, 100,000 Sq mtrs for light industrial space, 80,000 retail space, and 20,000 sq mtrs for "community and social uses" its possible my figures are not accurate but you get the picture!.

Apparently what they mean by this is the installation of a super mega library, and a creche facility for (I think) workers in the centre.

#### The Unknown

What will the benefits be to the local community?

Will the development create more jobs for local people?

What will the impact be on existing retail outlets in Rye Lane?

What shape will traffic congestion take during the construction of the Pomp and when its there?

Will we see pin striped suits whizz in and whizz out from the city with no particular interest in Peckham?

Will we see an increase in policing, to protect the 'pin striped suits' from us, the local inhabitants.?

We've placed these under this heading because 'the word' to the answer, to all our questions were, 'dont know'! how are we in 'the community' supposed to make informed decisions on the Pomp. Those who are supposed to be asking us our views do not seem to have engaged in any feasibility studies on time. The worker from Planning did say there was one or two in the pipeline, but they were not available yet, but meanwhile could they please have our considered response by April 9th.

It was pointed out that people were not satisfied with the level of consultation, was firmly expressed through the many suggestions given to improve the system.

The voluntary sectors workers forum suggested the Department consider having "community Planners, a bit like community workers, who would work with us in the community", the black community went one better and presented the association of black Community Planners to the Department.

What was evident from both meetings is the need for planning to review its idea on what consultation is, and how it should be carried out.

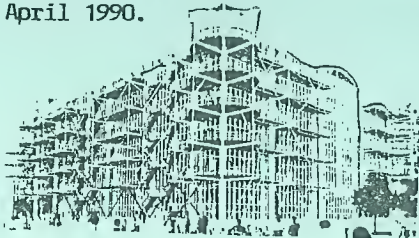
SCVS commend these initial steps made by the planning department but remind them that consultation with the community is an integral part of the planning process. It should not be reactive, but must

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include organised and informed debate. That the proposed Pump may have a major affect on Peckham is a very real possibility.

If you have not realised the implications, you still have time to put your views across to the planning department. The proposal goes to committee on the 9th of April 1990.



SECTION 2.  
Burning  
Debates

#### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Government White Paper "Caring for People: Community Care in the next decade and beyond" was published in November 1989.

The Main proposals of this paper are as follows:-

##### Main Proposals

- a) Local authorities will be given the responsibility to assess individual need, design packages of care, and ensure services are divided;
- b) Local authorities will have to publish plans for developing community care services, open to inspection, 'consistent with the plans of health authorities and other interested agencies';
- c) Local authorities 'will be expected to make maximum use of

the independent sector' (ie voluntary and private sectors), and will have to produce plans to achieve this.

d) Local authorities will have to provide financial support for people entering private and voluntary sector residential care after April 1991;

e) People in their own homes or in residential care will be eligible for the same Income Support and Housing Benefit;

f) Local authorities will have to establish 'arms length' inspection and registration units to check on residential care homes in all sectors;

g) There will be special grant arrangements for 'social care for seriously mentally ill people'.

##### Contracts and voluntary organisations.

In line with the Griffiths report the Government 'will expect funding bodies to develop an increasingly contractual relationship with the voluntary bodies they fund'.

This would take the form of clear agreements on a 'fee per client basis', or through a contract 'laying down a given level of service'.

The Government believes this will 'clarify the role of voluntary agencies'; 'give them a sounder financial base and allow them a greater degree of certainty in planning for the future'; and enhance 'the development of more flexible and cost effective forms of non-statutory provision'.

Contractual arrangements should be developed 'in partnership' with the voluntary sector: voluntary organisations should be involved at an early stage in negotiation over the contents of a contract, and the 'policy base on which contracts are to be drawn up' should be made clear.

Some important voluntary sector activities may not be suitable for a contractual funding approach, including, for example, developmental work, advocacy,

campaigning, and education'. The Government also accepts 'it will be important to allow scope for the emergence of new, small-scale groups and to avoid the over predominance of large, well established voluntary bodies'. The Government therefore proposes that 'for both these purposes, health and local authorities may continue to make grants towards the administrative expenses of voluntary organisations.

##### Consultation and voluntary organisations:

From April 1991 social services departments in local authorities will be required to produce three-year community care plans, to be reviewed annually. These will have to complement plans of health authorities, family practitioner committees, and housing authorities.

In addition, local authorities should 'consult with, and take account of the views of, private and voluntary sector service providers and representatives of service users and carers in drawing up their plans.

The plans will be required to examine a number of areas, for example:

- a local assessment of needs;
- three-year strategic objectives
- arrangements for assessment of individuals;
- how local authorities will carry out their role of 'purchasing' services;
- improving services for people at home and their carers;
- training 'for relevant staff groups;
- how the contribution of the independent sector is to be stimulated;
- inspection and registration units;
- systems for quality assurance and complaints procedures.

The plans will need to be 'in line with national policies', and central government will have powers to intervene if necessary.

##### Joint planning and joint finance:

The Government recognises that joint planning falls 'short of the aspirations of the mid-1970s,



and intends to promote 'planning agreements' rather than joint plans, in order to bring about a 'shift in focus from means to ends'.

Joint finance has provided a means of 'pump-priming' many valuable and innovative joint care projects, but has not led to a long term shift of resources. The future of joint-finance is to be reassessed.

#### Special provision for mentally ill people:

The White Paper places particular emphasis on developing community care services for people with mental illness leaving hospital, and its proposals include the following:

A care programme approach to be in place from April 1991; involving assessing and meeting needs for continuing health and social care (including maintaining registers and designating a responsible person).

Capital for building new facilities: it is recognised that although the sale of large institutions can produce new capital finance, facilities are needed before the institutions can be fully vacated. The Government proposes to overcome this by encouraging transfer of capital allocations within and between health regions, and by encouraging partnerships with private developers ('the aim will be to bring about the degree of private sector involvement that can be demonstrated to maximise value for money').

Special grant for social care: recognising that only 3% of current social services spending relates specifically to mental illness, the Government intends to make a specific grant for this area of activity. Details of the amount, distribution and monitoring of this grant are yet to be announced.

The contribution of the voluntary sector is given specific consideration. The White Paper accepts that the voluntary sector makes a 'major contribution to those with a mental illness, their carers and relatives in all parts of the country'. Current Government funding is about £2.4m a year (including mental handicap). 'To ensure that the £2.4m is spent in a way that best supports sufferers, their carers and relatives, the Department [of Health] is reviewing its funding strategy, and hopes to further the development of a wide and innovative range of voluntary services.

#### Mental illness among the homeless population, in London and other cities:

the Department of Health is exploring what practical steps can be taken.

#### Funding Community Care:

The White Paper sets out new funding arrangements for community care.

In short, local authorities will be provided with additional Revenue Support Grant to purchase community care. The Government has not taken up Griffiths' recommendation that the grant should be 'ring-fenced' (ie able to be used only for community care activities).

Social security payments to people in private sector nursing and residential homes have risen dramatically (from £10m in December 1979 to over £1,000m by May 1989). The Government proposes that people entering private sector residential care after April 1991 will no longer receive social security payments from Government: instead they will be eligible for Income Support and Housing Benefit on the same basis as people living in their own homes. The Housing Benefit will be paid by local authorities, who will have to determine the 'eligible rent' that can be paid - detailed proposals are yet to be produced.

It appears that people will not be eligible for Income Support or Housing Benefit if they are in local authority residential care - the local authority will continue to bear the full cost. There will therefore be a financial

disincentive for local authorities to provide residential care themselves.

The Government is not intending to provide additional funds for community care: the additional Revenue Support Grant to local authorities will come from the funds the Government would otherwise have paid in social security payments for private residential and nursing homes.

#### Infrastructure

The infrastructure on which to build community care services in London is inadequate.

Local authority social service departments have been obliged to concentrate resources on the protection of children. This has deflected funds from day and domiciliary services, so that provision of these services is patchy in some boroughs: one London borough provides twenty home helps per thousand elderly people, while three other boroughs provide less than five per thousand.

Several London boroughs lack an infrastructure of voluntary organisations able to provide or develop community care services. This is partly due to the different levels of grant aid that local authorities have provided in the past to voluntary organisations: in 1987/88 one borough contributed over £13m in grant aid, another £63,000. Some boroughs lack co-ordinating bodies which could advise on the development of community care provision and participate in planning: where they exist they are often seriously undersourced.

The private sector in London also faces problems. High capital costs, high rents, and high staffing costs are a major disincentive to development of this sector in the provision of community care in London. It is the case for example that in Inner London there are few private residential homes for elderly people.



## Closure programmes in London:

Within the four health authority regions which cover London (and partly extend beyond London) there are 15 large mental handicap hospitals with 3,000 long stay residents. Six are programmed to close in the next 4 years (affecting 1,600 people).

Within the same regions there are 15 large hospitals for mentally ill people, with a population of 8,000. Five are expected to close in the next 4 years, affecting 3,300 people (long and short stay).

Many of these large institutions are located in the outer London boroughs.

## QUESTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

### General questions:

Many of the proposals in the White Paper are set out in outline only. Is the basis approach likely to provide a secure way forward for people in need of care, and those individuals and organisations who will provide care?

Which are the main areas where more clarification is needed?

### Contracts:

The prospect of local authorities developing increasingly contractual arrangements with voluntary organisations raises a great many questions for example:

- How will voluntary organisations be able to take on a new and expanded role?
- to what extent should voluntary organisations take on mainstream statutory functions?
- to what extent can voluntary organisations safeguard their independence, accountability to users, and styles of working?
- how will small, innovative projects, and those working with particular sections of the community, eg black and ethnic minority groups, fare?

- how will funding for core activities, for work other than individual welfare activities, eg campaigning, research, coordination, development work, be secured?

- what support will voluntary organisations need, and how can such support be made available?

- will the voluntary sector find itself in competition with the private sector, and with itself?

- how can rights for users of service be developed within contracts?

### Consultation

The White Paper gives no real details of how the voluntary sector should be involved in consultation, planning and partnership arrangements.

### Joint Finance

Joint finance has been a relatively small, but still important, source of funding for the voluntary sector. It is now under review. What should be its future?

### Funding Arrangements

The Government's proposed funding arrangements for community care place a heavy burden on local authorities. Should grant be ring-fenced, as Griffiths originally proposed? Is there a danger that the development of services will become more and more finance-led, rather than responding to need?

### Special Provision

The Government has accepted that special provision is needed for people with mental illness. Are the proposals in this area adequate?

Is there a case to press for special provision for other aspects of community care: eg to develop services in particular regions such as London?

### Acknowledge:

Government White Paper: 'Caring for People: Community Care in the

next decade and beyond', HMSO, November 1989, £8.10

Steve Wyler LVSC Tel: 388 0241

## CRITICAL ISSUES FOR BLACK AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS

### The Situation

Some health authorities are drawing up contracts with selected voluntary groups to provide various forms of community care.

A contract is a formal negotiated agreement which can replace a grant, or which can establish funding for a new service, or which can enable a voluntary organisation to take over a service previously run by the health authority or the local authority itself.

Mainstream social and health services have never catered adequately for the needs of black and ethnic minority communities. They have also tended to fund established white groups at the expense of black groups. The introduction of contracts could perpetuate this situation, with the needs of people in black and ethnic minority communities being overlooked in contract specification, and contracts only being offered to large organisations authorities know and trust. Hence it is necessary that the needs of black and ethnic minority users, carers and communities are fully considered by those responsible for community care, full and meaningful consultation takes place and that positive action is taken to redress current imbalance.

Black and ethnic minority voluntary organisations need to:

- be aware that contracts are being negotiated in some areas:
- find out whether this is happening in their area and if so for which services:

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- decide for themselves whether they want to get involved in contracts:

- be aware of the pros and cons of contracts as opposed to grants and if necessary lobby for continued or improved grant support for black and ethnic minority groups:

- ensure that any contract caters fully for the needs of the communities it is intended to serve and enables high quality services to be provided:

**Why are contracts being introduced?**

Authorities are introducing contracts in two kinds of situation. In the first, they are looking at existing grantholders and suggesting that some of these grants be changed into contracts. These are sometimes referred to as service agreements. The main difference between grants and this kind of contract is that there is considerably more detail both about what the voluntary organisation is expected to provide for the money and about the financial and other commitments the statutory agency is making. Usually contracts are made for a three year period while grants tend to be annual. Some local authorities are proposing a two tier system with some organisations having grants and other contracts.

In the second kind of situation, local and health authorities are offering contracts to voluntary and private agencies for services they might otherwise provide themselves. In some cases this can mean the transfer of health or local authority employed staff or health or local authority buildings to a voluntary agency.

Not all authorities are making use of contracts but most are likely to introduce some in the near future. The recent White Paper on community care and the NHS review both encourage statutory agencies to buy in services from outside contractors rather than provide them themselves. Local authorities have been required by law to put some services out to tender. They do not have to put care services out to

tender but in some areas local politicians and officers are looking at how this might be done. All authorities are looking for ways of providing services more cheaply and a contract with a voluntary group may be cost effective.

**How should voluntary groups respond:**

Black and white organisations need to work to ensure that contracts create an **opportunity for positive change**, with contracts specifications that are appropriate for people from Black and ethnic minority communities, and with Black and ethnic minority organisations being given funds to provide services for their own communities where they want to. **This will not happen** unless the issue is raised both locally and nationally because existing practice does not often encourage most local and health authorities to think along these lines. **All** groups will need to ensure that payments for contracts are adequate and that contracting out service doesn't become a way of cutting costs at the expense of quality.

Black and ethnic minority organisations themselves face dilemmas in deciding how far they want to increase their own service provision or whether they prefer to concentrate on more informal services and put pressure on statutory agencies to provide better services themselves. Small groups which opt to become bigger service providers will face competition from large established white groups; they may also need to acquire new financial and management skills. Some local organisations may want to form consortia and other kinds of partnership in order to take on wider service provision.

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SECTION 3.  
Information for  
Groups.



#### **NEW FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR MANAGEMENT**

Government money totalling £1m for a package of initiatives to improve management standards in the voluntary sector was last month announced by John Patten, Home Office Minister.

The funding, totalling £2 Million shared between the Government, private sector and trusts, will support three new projects over the next three years providing voluntary organisations with relevant training and practical advice on management.

The three initiatives, to be part-funded by the Home Office's Voluntary Sector Unit, are:

**The development of a series of courses** for the voluntary sector to be run by the Open University School of Management;

**Advancing Good Management** - a scheme for a network of 'hub' agencies to provide advice and practical support including training on management matters for voluntary organisations at local level;

**The Forbes Trust Voluntary Sector Evaluation Services** - to establish a network of support agencies providing specific advice on and training in management and evaluation.



Support for the initiatives has also come from other government departments including Health, Trade and Industry and the Training Agency. The Open University courses will offer formal management training with courses tailored to voluntary sector needs but linking with developments in other areas of management training, access to a generally recognised qualification in voluntary sector management, home-based distance learning with local tutorial back-up which offers flexibility to staff who cannot be given time off to train and high quality training materials which will become generally available for people to adapt to their particular training needs.

The Advancing Good Management scheme has been developed by a consortium of NCVO, the Action Resources Centre and the Community Projects Foundation. It will provide information on available training and resources of advice and support, a means of facilitating delivery of training and advice, locally accessible support on management issues throughout the country, and support for both volunteers and paid workers.

The Voluntary Sector Evaluation Services proposal focuses on the specific issue of evaluation skills, to enable grant givers to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of grant programmes, and to mount a programme of services and activities to increase the quality and quantity of evaluation in the voluntary sector.

Extracted from Voluntary Voice.

#### SOUTHWARK BLACK WORKERS

A SERIES OF LECTURES UNDER  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SOUTHWARK BLACK WORKERS GROUP  
(Civil Liberties)

Please find enclosed with this  
mailout the leaflet with all  
the information you need.  
APRIL 19th - JUNE 7th 1990)  
Peckham Town Hall 7.30pm

#### BLACK HIV-AIDS NETWORK

The Black HIV and AIDS Network (BHAN) is currently planning a conference on black communities and HIV/AIDS issues to be held on April 21st 1990 in Southwark.

BHAN will be outreaching in Southwark to:

- to involve local black organisations in the planned conference so that relevant issues are raised and recommendations are made to Southwark Council

- to investigate ways in which BHAN, Southwark Council and Local Black organisations can work together on HIV/AIDS issues concerning the local black communities.

- to find out what current HIV/AIDS work is being done by black organisations and to identify their needs for support with such work.

BHAN was founded in Autumn 1988 to meet the needs of black people and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. Initially focussing on support, it is the only nationwide voluntary group of women,

men and young people from Asian, African and African Caribbean communities responding to HIV/AIDS, taking into account linguistic and cultural diversities of many communities. BHAN has links with members in over 10 cities throughout the UK and has set up support groups of black people with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

BHAN provides the following:-

Community Care:

Buddies:

Education and Training:

Support Groups:

Information & Community Outreach:

BHAN is funded by North West Thames Regional Health Authority The Terence Higgins Trust, The Department of Health and the London Boroughs of Lewisham and Southwark.

For more information please  
contact:- VIJAY KUMARI  
C/o LONDON LIGHTHOUSE,

111/117 LANCASTER ROAD,  
LONDON W11.

Tel: 792 1200 ext 2156

If you are interested in getting involved in the conference please get in touch with the above.

#### EDDIE BRINDLEY PROJECT

EBP is an interim residential project based in Camberwell for single homeless women and men aged 21+.

We manage three houses also in the Camberwell area. We have 18 bedspaces in total, 9 for men and 9 for women, 5 of which are reserved for women in the women only house. The waiting list is targetted a minimum of 33% gay and lesbians and 33% ethnic minorities.

#### NEEDED

New women members for our management committee. We are looking for women with interest in or experience of the housing needs of single homeless people.

Women of ethnic minorities are under-represented and would be particularly welcome.

If interested, please contact one of the workers (Jackie, John, Sonia, Randolph or Madeline) For a chat on 708 - 1636

#### TELEPHON 90'

SCVS still has lots of telethon forms for groups that wish to apply for some money.

Please contact any of the SCVS staff if you want a form. The Deadline is June 1990. So hurry don't miss the deadline.

Or just pop in and collect one between 10am 5pm Mon-Thurs.

### **SOUTHWARK HOME-START**

Workers at St. Jude's centre Community Association are in the process of developing a home start support scheme within the borough of Southwark.

Home-Start will be a voluntary scheme offering support, friendship and practical help to parents with one or more children of pre-school age. Trained volunteers, who have themselves experienced the anxieties and pressures that parenthood can bring, visit parents on a one-to-one basis in their own home.

A parent who maybe either experiencing loneliness, depression, isolation, stress, illness or generally unable to cope, a Home-Start volunteer would be there to help and support that parent through the difficult period.

At a meeting held on 26th January to inform workers within the community of the scheme, it was felt by those who attended that such a scheme was very much needed and would be of great benefit to the families in the area. Further meetings have been planned to publicise the scheme and to recruit people to form a working party/steering group, who will take on the work necessary to get Home-Start established and running.

If you are interested in finding out more about Home-Start or would like to volunteer your services in any way, please contact:-

John Donnachie, Bridget Jacobs or Victoria Quayle

At: St. Jude's Centre Community Association,  
The Crypt, St. Jude's Church,  
St. Georges Road, London SE1.

TEL: 928 - 9840

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### **CHOICE 24 HOUR RADIO**

Every hour we will be broadcasting community information - whether its a jumble sale to raise funds for a playgroup, or a reminder about an alcohol counselling service - in a slot called the billboard. The service is open to any non-profit making organisations who write in at the address below.

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Contact: Alison Gauldie  
on 584 - 9977.

Thanks Eve.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WHAT CHANCE FOR OFFENDERS?**

The next Post Y.T.S. Group Seminar is taking place on 18th May 1990 between 9.00am and 1.00pm at Southwark Council, 207 Havill Street.  
London SE5.

It will look at the barriers to access for offenders in Education Employment and Training. What is being done and what should be done.

Please contact Lesley Urbach (Careers Service). on 701 - 7171 or Ellen Easey (SOLO) on 407 - 3230

### **OFFICE SPACE TO LET**

The Bradfield Boys Club, 15-13 Commercial Way, SE15 has available self-contained accommodation well suited for use as administrative offices by a charity or similar institution. The space is on two floors, and could be let to two organisations for separate use, or combined as one larger unit. The space is made up of a second floor room (approx. 400 sq feet) and a first floor room (approx 150 sq feet). There is also a toilet and kitchen.

Terms negotiable.

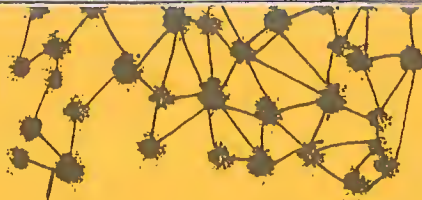
Ring Charles George at (0732-451875) (evenings after 8pm.)

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Bradfield Boys Club, is seeking to appoint on a voluntary basis (expenses paid) someone with approximately one day a week to devote to expanding its activities to incorporate a wide range of Community projects which can co-exist with the Boys Club's own needs. Some of the work could be done from home, but an office will be provided at the Club and some attendance there would be required. Might suit retired person or someone with children at school during the day.

Please ring Charles George at 0732 - 451875 (evenings after 8pm





## SOUTHWARK EDUCATION AND TRAINING SHOP

If you are shopping in Rye Lane you may look into the shop window of number 175 and wonder what is on offer. The answer is free advice on education and training opportunities for Southwark adults over 19.

The shop window is full of brightly coloured information sheets produced by INSET's team of advisers on a wide range of career opportunities for adults including: Child-care, Business and Finance, Computing, Office Skills, Manual Trades and Teaching. These leaflets are used by many community groups and Advice Agencies in Southwark and are available free if you drop into the shop.

Advice is also freely available if you are thinking of changing your career or taking up education again, perhaps after bringing up your children. The team of advisers can help you decide which career is best suited for you and what training you will need, this can range from information part-time day and evening courses lasting a few weeks, to advice on courses which might involve 4 - 5 years full time study at college. We can also tell you how much the course will cost and if you can get a grant.

Many adults do not realise the opportunities available to them nowadays in education and training. With the drop in the number of school leavers employers are now increasingly looking to employ mature people - so getting the right training could make all the difference to your job prospects.

If you are interested in talking to one of our advisers come along to SETS (INSET) or phone to make an appointment.

If you belong to a local community group where there are a number of people interested in information on education and training opportunities for adults an INSET adviser can come along to your group if you let us know 3-4 weeks in advance.

If you have a disability and would like advice and information on education and training you can phone our special needs advisors, Sandi and Margaret to make an appointment.

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Monday - 10-12 & 2-4  
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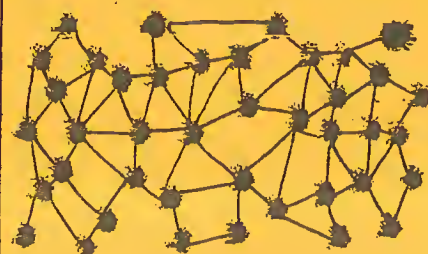
Creche on Fridays -  
Our shop has Disabled Access.

SETS is also open 10-12 on the first Saturday of each month.

Our advisers also run regular outreach advice sessions at the following venues:

- \* Bermansey Jobcentre
- \* Borough Jobcentre
- \* Bede Centre (SE16)
- \* Sumner House (North Peckham Estate)

These sessions are for people who find it difficult to get to our shop in Peckham. If you would like details of dates and times phone us on 635 - 9111.



## PUBLIC PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

The Public Protection Department has recently translated its complaints information sheet for the public into the following languages: Vietnamese, Gujarati, Turkish, Chinese, Greek Bengali, Urdu.

If your organisation is interested in receiving free copies of the procedure for distribution to the public in any of these languages including English, please contact: Joanne Watson, C/o MAC, 2 Davey Street, Peckham, SE15 6LF or telephone: 708 2483.

## PUBLIC PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IMPROVING OUR SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC

We want to provide you with prompt, effective services in spite of severe financial cuts. If any services we do provide fall below your expectations or you have ideas about improving them or you would like to see new services please write to:

The Director of Public Protection  
19 Grange Road,  
London SE1 3BE.  
Tel: 237 - 4551

If you have a complaint about the service or staff members, the Director will arrange an investigation and give you a written reply within 28 days. Ideas about service improvements or providing new services will take longer to investigate and the Director will keep you informed of progress at regular intervals until a final decision is made.

Please note that if a complaint investigation leads to disciplinary or court proceedings you can only be told the final outcome, which could take months to reach.

Any referral to the Director for investigation does not stop you from contacting your Councillor, Member of Parliament, or Local Ombudsman with your problem. You can find out their names at your local library or by phoning the information desk at Peckham Town Hall on: 703 6311. Any decision by the Director is not binding on them.





## FREE SUPERVISORY TRAINING FOR GROUPS IN LONDON

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has a charitable trust to support education and training. In 1989 the trust ran a successful pilot offering free places to the voluntary sector on its 3-day Supervisory course. 2 ARC staff members attended the course and both would highly recommend it.

We have now been asked to publicise the opportunity to groups with whom we work. The course's objective is to provide a training in the techniques and skills appropriate to the supervisory role; it covers:-

- what is supervision?
- The Supervisor and Recruitment?
- Practical Supervision
- Communication
- Leadership and Motivation
- Discipline - Handling Problem people
- Time Management
- Employment Law.

The conditions under which the course is offered are:-

- Maximum of 2 places per organisation - Delegates must be workers, not users - Free of charge including lunch and refreshments.

Ideally delegates would have supervisory responsibility but this is not essential.

The dates available are:

- 17-19 April - 15-17 May -
- 10-12 July - 24-26 April -
- 19-21 June - 24-26 July
- 1-3 May - 26-28 June -

The course is held at LCCI, Cannon Street, EC4.

Bookings can be made by telephone to Sue Shepherd, Tel: 248 - 4444, ext. 2078.

## COMPANIES IN THE COMMUNITY

(26th April 1990, 10.30am - 5.00pm)  
The role of companies and how they give support to the community has changed considerably in the 1980s. This seminar will examine some of the changes that have taken place over the decades and some current trends in company giving.

In addition to the presentations, the afternoon session will include an opportunity to discuss some of these issues in smaller groups. The aim of the seminar is to create a better understanding of what companies are doing and how best to approach them for support.

This course cost £37.50

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## GRANT-MAKING TRUST

As with companies, grant making trusts are seeing a rapid increase in demand for their resources which they simply cannot meet. This demand for their This demand is coming from a growth in the number of charities, including new areas of charitable activity once the province of the statutory sector (in the fields of health and education particularly), and as a result of cut-backs in support by local authorities and the ending of the Community Programme.

Faced with this explosion in demand, how should trusts react? What should they be doing? Where can their resources be best applied to meet the needs of the 1990s? How can smaller local and community projects be expected to compete in competition with 'blue chip' appeals such as wishing well? How can smaller local and How can trusts help underfunded organisations become more secure This seminar will attempt to answer these and many other topical questions relating to grant-making policies and practices.

This course cost £37.50

Contact the DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE, RADIUS WORKS, BACK LANE, LONDON NW3 1HL.

For information on these seminars and payment.

## COMMUNITY CARE SOME USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter:

The Community Care Project publishes a newsletter three times a year. This is sent to free to local voluntary groups. For other groups the subscription is £12.00 per annum. The newsletter contains news, reports and reviews on the field of community care. There are sections on joint planning, funding and news for rural and black and ethnic minority groups.

## Contracts for care Publications

### Briefing Papers:

1. General Introduction. 2nd revision January 1990 £1.50
2. Providing More Services Dilemmas for Voluntary Groups. Revised February 1990 £1.50

### Information Sheet No. 2

(Draft) Checklist on Contracts. Published 1989 free with A4 SAE.

### Conference Reports:

1. Contracts: Facing the Challenges. A Report of Two Conferences Organised by LBTC/LVSC/NCVO. Published July 1989. Reprinted January 1990 £3.00
2. Should Voluntary Organisations Provide More Services? A Report of a Seminar Organised by NCVO. Published August 1989. Reprinted January 1990. £3.00

### Guidance Notes:

1. The Legal Context. A guide to the legal issues surrounding contracts. August 1989. £3.00
2. The Contract Culture: The Challenge for Voluntary Organisations. November 1989. £3.00

Negotiating Grants: Issues for Local Authorities and Voluntary Groups. A Resource Pack. Published June 1987. £4.00





**PUBLICATIONS  
ON  
COMMUNITY CARE POLICY**

1. Community Care: Agenda for Action. A Summary of Sir Roy Griffiths Review. CCP/NCVO March 1988. Free with A4 SAE.

2. Submissions to the Government on the White Paper on Community Care by:

1. National Council for Voluntary Organisation

2. Joint Planning Working Group, NCVO

3. Race Equality Unit, National Institute for Social Work, September 1989. Free with A4 SAE.

3. Caring for People: Community Care in the next decade and beyond. A Summary of the Government's proposals. CCP/NCVO November 1989 Free with A4 SAE.

4. NCVO Briefing- The Community Care White Paper. February 1990. £1.50

All publications are available from the Community Care Project. NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.

Contact Karen Vaux for more details.

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Because of the cost of postage, we limit the number of inserts to 4 per mail-out, decided on a first come first served basis. The deadline for copy for the next issues of SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION is

#### DEADLINE DATES FOR FUTURE ISSUES

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# SOUTHWARK

# COMMUNITY ACTION

## SCVS

NEWS-SHEET SPECIAL ISSUE NO: 7

### **VOLUNTARY SECTOR REVIEW**

WHAT IS IT ?

IS IT ANOTHER CUTTING EXERCISE ?

HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THE CUTS AGREED AT  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17th JULY ?



## **CUTS ? YES/NO**

### **SCVS HAVE ORGANISED FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO MEET WITH:**

SALLY KEEBLE - LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

KIRUBA MOODLEY - HEAD OF POLICY SERVICES

TIME: 2.00pm sharp

VENUE: 207 HAVIL STREET, LONDON SE5.

DATE: FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST 1990

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING PLEASE TRY TO  
ATTEND. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT HAVE  
QUESTIONS OR POINTS YOU WISH TO RAISE  
PLEASE RING SCVS - 071 732 3731**

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# COMMUNITY CARE FORUM IN SOUTHWARK

## Community Care Forum in Southwark.

The Voluntary Sector Community Care Forum in Southwark has been active in recent months in liaison with Southwark Council officers on the implementation of the community care proposals in the White Paper- Caring For People. The Forum has rightly been looking at its own structure and attempting to set itself off in the best way possible. A constitution group has been set up to look at its structure and it is currently ready to present drafts to the Forum. As well as this the forum has been devising a job description for a worker to service and develop the interaction between the voluntary and statutory sector.

The Forum has also got representation on the Joint Community Care Planning Groups with Southwark and the Health Authorities. This ensures that the voluntary sector is at least kept aware of current proposals by the local Authority and the Health Authority.

Within the Social Services Department itself Community Liaison Officers from Area Offices have been seconded three days a week to ensure consultation and representation of the client interest groups. The Forum itself is looking at ways in which the JCCPG Representatives can hold meetings with the client groups they represent.

Within all this, last week the Government announced that the implementation of the recommendations in the White Paper will be deferred. We have recently learned that they propose to phase in the implementation over three years. The Forum is not sure at present what this means in terms of Southwark's plans.

The worry within the voluntary sector is that this will present a solution to many proposed funding difficulties, and plans which might have benefitted the community will be shelved.

On the other hand, if given a commitment the voluntary sector could use the extra time to prepare really well to be able for the

real "contract culture" when it is actually enforced, instead of behaving reactively as we have been forced to do so far.

Mailing for the forum is going out to 500 organisations at present. If your organisation has been missed Please contact: Nuala at SCVS.

**DATE OF NEXT COMMUNITY  
CARE FORUM MEETING:  
THURSDAY JULY 26TH.  
2PM. CAMBRIDGE HOUSE,  
131 CAMBERWELL ROAD  
SE5.**

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## HOUSING DECENTRALISATION IN SOUTHWARK.

SCVS and HARU recently hosted a meeting for the voluntary sector with representatives from the Housing Decentralisation Team in Southwark.

Southwark plans to get rid of its 6 District Housing offices and replace these with 23 neighbourhood offices across the borough. There is a major capital programme under way for 7 offices to be ready for the Autumn.

A key aspect of the decentralisation programme is to have community groups more involved in decision making on Housing in Southwark. In order to achieve this they are setting up 23 neighbourhood forums which will have the community and tenants represented on it. These neighbourhood forums will be advisory bodies only and representatives on them will only have advisory and not decision-making powers.

Those present at the meeting were very concerned to hear how well developed these plans were without any specifically targeted consultation with community groups.

Due to lack of space in this special edition of Southwark Community Action we are unable to give you a full outline of the proposed procedures from Southwark. We will do so in the next edition. Meanwhile, if you have any queries on the issue, please contact Nuala at SCVS.



# SCVS

Southwark Council for Voluntary Service

135 Rye Lane, London SE15

Telephone 071 732 373

19th July 1990.

At the Policy and Performance Review Committee on 17th July 1990, cuts amounting to £403,000 were agreed for the Voluntary Sector in Southwark.

SCVS has put together this package to show the level of attack on the Voluntary Sector in Southwark when the Council has options to make internal "savings". SCVS has been informed of £42,000 being spent by Development Section on external printing when Southwark has an internal print-shop. The Council pays essential car user allowance to officers who do not use cars, and provides cars for Chief Officers all of which amounts to £ $\frac{1}{4}$ m. This is at a time when the Chief Executive writes to groups to tighten our belts as "shortfalls must met by cutting all services".

The voluntary sector has suffered in Southwark over the last three years. Some services have been seriously eroded and some have completely disappeared. Workers in the sector have suffered as well. A number of groups have not been able to grant the national pay awards to workers, which means that we are already at the bottom of the ladder.

We enclose details of

The level of cuts across committees.

Details of Councillors and their committees.

Details of Chief officers and the Clerks of Committees.

How to bring a deputation to a committee.

We are advising groups to start lobbying your local Councillor, the Chair of your funding Committee, and senior officers as soon as possible on behalf of your users.

Bring deputations or petitions whichever is suitable for your group.

The recommended cuts will affect all groups in Southwark.

In addition to the current round of cuts, SCVS has been advised that Southwark will need to find cuts of £15m across the board next year. if the Council is to put in a balanced budget.

Currently, officers are working on a review of the Voluntary Sector which will mean yet more cuts for whatever groups remain.

Its important now for groups to come together and fight the cuts in whatever way we can.

Please see the enclosed leaflet and attend the meeting organised with the Council Leader Sally Keeble on Friday 3rd August 1990.

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See over/





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Proposed cuts to voluntary sector by Policy and Performance Review Committee on 17th July 1990.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Personnel and Administration Committee.<br>(This committee now includes groups which were funded by the Health and Community Services Committee which no longer exists).                         | £170,000. | £170,000. |
| Race Committee                                                                                                                                                                                   |           | £14,000.  |
| Education Committee<br>(There will also be cuts of £160,000 across the AEI, Youth Service, and Southwark College, which will seriously affect voluntary Sector Liaison with these institutions.) |           | £20,000.  |
| Social Services<br>Social Services had recommended some groups for cutting but these groups names have now been removed, and decisions will be made at the Committee meeting.                    |           | £70,000.  |
| Housing                                                                                                                                                                                          |           | £32,000.  |
| Borough Development<br>(Old Jobs and Industry Cttee).                                                                                                                                            |           | £31,000.  |
| Leisure and Recreation                                                                                                                                                                           |           | £53,000.  |
| Womens Committee                                                                                                                                                                                 |           | £13,000.  |
| Total                                                                                                                                                                                            |           | £403,000. |

Decisions on how to implement these cuts will be made at the individual service Committee meetings. If you are in doubt about which committee funds you please contact SCVS.

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WHICH EACH COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET

Though proposals for cutting specific groups came from social services officers, the decisions on which groups will actually be cut will be made at each specific committee meeting.

After days of ringing around each directorate, speaking to committee clerks, officers etc, we have been unable to find out if and if yes, when committee meetings will be rescheduled to, so what follows are the list of official dates from the general calendar. Only social services were able to provide provisional dates.

|                      |                                                             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| TUESDAY 24th JULY    | ..... EDUCATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE                       |
| WEDNESDAY 25th JULY  | POLICY COMMITTEE AND FULL COUNCIL                           |
| THURSDAY 26th JULY   | DEVELOPMENT SERVICES JOINT MEETING WITH EDUCATION COMMITTEE |
| TUESDAY 31st JULY    | SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE                                   |
| WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST |                                                             |
| SEPTEMBER            |                                                             |
| MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER | LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE                            |
| WEDNESDAY 5th        | HOUSING COMMITTEE                                           |
| MONDAY 10th          | POLICY LABOUR GROUP                                         |
| TUESDAY 11th         | ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES                                      |
| WEDNESDAY 12th       | PARTY GROUP MEETINGS                                        |
| TUESDAY 18th         | POLICY AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW                               |
| WEDNESDAY 19th       | DEVELOPMENT SERVICES                                        |
| WEDNESDAY 26th       | PARTY GROUP MEETINGS                                        |
| OCTOBER              |                                                             |
| TUESDAY 2nd          | WOMEN'S COMMITTEE                                           |
| WEDNESDAY 3rd        | RACE EQUALITY COMMITTEE                                     |
| MONDAY 8th           | POLICY LABOUR GROUP                                         |
| WEDNESDAY 10th       | PARTY GROUP MEETINGS                                        |
| MONDAY 15th          | PERSONNEL & ADMIN COMMITTEE                                 |
| TUESDAY 16th         | POLICY & PERFORMANCE REVIEW                                 |
| WEDNESDAY 17th       | SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE                                   |
| MONDAY 22nd          | PARTY GROUP MEETINGS                                        |
| WEDNESDAY 24th       | COUNCIL                                                     |

REMEMBER THAT THESE DATES COULD BE CHANGED SO BE VIGILANT

Committees and the Directors of the Units reporting to them.

Though directors are paid employees of the council they still have alot of influence on the decision making process.

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| LEISURE AND RECREATION                                                                                                                                                                      | STEVEN RAY                      | TEL: 703 3499 |
| DEVELOPMENT SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                        | ROBIN THOMPSON                  | 403 3322      |
| WOMEN'S                                                                                                                                                                                     | IMTIAZ FAROOKI                  | 703 6311      |
| EDUCATION                                                                                                                                                                                   | GORDAN MOTT                     | 237 4551      |
| RACE EQUALITY                                                                                                                                                                               | IMTIAZ FAROOKI                  | 703 6311      |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                      | PETER JONES/                    | 703 5464      |
| HOUSING                                                                                                                                                                                     | DAVID WELLS                     | 637 4353      |
| PERSONNEL & ADMIN                                                                                                                                                                           | JOHN BROOMFIELD                 |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | IMTIAZ FAROOKI (POLICY)         |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | ALBERT DOUGGAN                  |               |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                             | CLIVE GRACE                     |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | DENNIS SIMPSON                  | 237 6677      |
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| POLICY & PERFORMANCE REVIEW                                                                                                                                                                 | ( CHIEF EXECUTIVE & TOWN CLERK) |               |
| COMMITTEE CLERKS                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |               |
| These are the workers to whom you send your deputation. They should also have information on when meetings are. They are all based at Peckham Town Hall, Peckham Road SE15. Tele: 703 6311. |                                 |               |
| LEISURE AND RECREATION                                                                                                                                                                      | MARY McMAHON                    |               |
| DEVELOPMENT SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                        | JOHN LAKE                       |               |
| WOMEN'S                                                                                                                                                                                     | NICOLA HOWE                     |               |
| EDUCATION                                                                                                                                                                                   | GIANNI BRANCHI                  |               |
| RACE EQUALITY                                                                                                                                                                               | HOW DAVIS                       |               |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                      | ALLISON SPOONER                 |               |
| HOUSING                                                                                                                                                                                     | PETER ROBERTS                   |               |
| PERSONNEL & ADMIN                                                                                                                                                                           | TINA AKUMANYI                   |               |
| SOCIAL SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                             | PAUL RICHARDS                   |               |
| POLICY & PERFORMANCE                                                                                                                                                                        | JOSEPHINE ELSE                  |               |

# VOLUNTARY SECTOR REVIEW

WHAT IS IT ?

IS IT ANOTHER CUTTING EXERCISE ?

HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THE CUTS AGREED AT  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17th JULY ?



## CUTS ? YES/~~NO~~

### SCVS HAVE ORGANISED FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO MEET WITH:

SALLY KEEBLE - LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

KIRUBA MOODLEY - HEAD OF POLICY SERVICES

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TIME: 2.00pm sharp

VENUE: 207 HAVIL STREET, LONDON SE5.

DATE: FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST 1990

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING PLEASE TRY TO  
ATTEND. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT HAVE  
QUESTIONS OR POINTS YOU WISH TO RAISE  
PLEASE RING SCVS - 071 732 3731



| Item No. | Classification | Committee | Date |
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| Item No.<br>21 | Classification<br>OPEN                                  | Committee<br>POLICY AND PERFORMANCE<br>REVIEW | Date<br>25TH JUNE 1996 |
| From<br>DPA    | Title of Report<br>A REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING |                                               |                        |

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3.6

The ever changing climate in which local government has to operate including the limitation on resources makes it imperative that the Council evaluates its funding priorities in order to match spending with stated corporate objectives.

3.7

As with the exercises being carried out internally on Council services, quality, effectiveness and value for money of services provided in the voluntary sector must be evaluated.

3.8

However, a review of voluntary sector funding is not simply a cost-cutting exercise. Value for money is crucial but so is attention to support and advice that funded groups receive from the Council. This concern for supporting and enhancing the skills of voluntary agencies is amply demonstrated by other corporate priorities identified by Members such as training in new technology for voluntary groups.

4.

#### THE WAY FORWARD

4.1

The terms of reference of such a review should address the following areas:-

(1)

In what way does the current pattern of funding reflect the Council's corporate priorities?

(2)

Do the services provided by the voluntary sector complement those provided by the Council: what if any are the areas of duplication both between the Council and voluntary sector and within the voluntary sector?

(3)

Are the criteria for grant funding appropriate. If not what changes should be made to update them?

(4)

Are there sufficient safeguards to ensure that criteria for grant funding are adhered to?

(5)

What mechanisms exist within the Council for monitoring funded groups. Are these acceptable and what changes can be recommended?

(6)

What scope is there for introducing a contractual arrangement between funded groups and the Council? What areas could these apply to and how would they operate in practice?

(7)

Is there scope for reprioritisation? If so what should it be.

(8)

Are the services offered by the voluntary sector of good quality? What mechanisms can be introduced for determining this?

1. PURPOSE

1.1

To consider proposals for the review of funding the voluntary sector.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1

That Members endorse the proposals set out in para. 4 and instruct officers accordingly with a view to work beginning as soon as possible and a report back to the September cycle.

3.

#### BACKGROUND

3.1

Under Objective 6 in the Action for Nineties Programme, Members have indicated as a priority area of work the need to review the funding of the voluntary sector.

3.2

The Council allocates some £7.367m to grant funding voluntary organisations in the borough. In addition £937,000 is the borough's contribution to the London Boroughs Grants Scheme.

3.3

The range of services provided by funded groups include:

- service provision such as nurseries, residential hostels, advice centres and community centres;
- self-help, mutual aid such as careers support groups;
- community development, for example, tenants associations and community workers;
- arts groups;
- campaigning groups/federative groups e.g. consortia, childcare campaign and pensioners action groups.

3.4

The following committees grant aid organisations in the voluntary sector:

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Personal/Admin (Policy) | Education       |
| Housing                 | Race Equality   |
| Development Services    | Social Services |
| Leisure and Recreation  | Women's         |

3.5

The Council's grant allocation to the voluntary sector reflects the recognition that community groups have a positive and complementary role to play in providing services to local people.



- (9) What organisational arrangements will be most effective in ensuring consistency, coherence and accountability across the Council? In particular is a central grants committee the most effective means of ensuring accountability, monitoring and support?
- (10) Should there be a time limit to funding organisations? If so how would this operate to ensure a balance is achieved between some form of continuity yet allowing for new and innovative projects to be considered.
- (11) What consultative arrangements should the Council have with the voluntary sector?
- (12) Are voluntary groups efficient and effective in their provision of services?

#### MECHANISMS FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH A REVIEW

- 5.1 Elsewhere on this agenda, Members have been asked to endorse proposals regarding the setting up of a review mechanism. It is proposed that a working group of Members and officers would have as its focus -
- (a) the assessment of services provided by or through the Council in order to determine their benefit to the community in terms of effectiveness and equity and
- (b) the assessment of relative priorities in order to determine the manner in which services are planned and financed over the next few years.
- 5.2 In the view of Officers, the review of the voluntary sector ought to be progressed through such arrangements and should be seen as a priority in the service delivery review programme.
- 5.3 It is recognised, however, that additionally officers would need to set up consultation arrangements with a full range of groups in the voluntary sector

#### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Borough Solicitor has previously noted that having regard to problems with grant aid the Council should be careful to watch its ability to monitor grants with its capacity to make them. Beyond this, the report raises no specific legal implications at this stage.

#### 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Members' are aware that this Council's direct investment in the voluntary section is significant amounting to 7.4 Million in 1990/91. In setting the budget in previous years, Members' have been particularly concerned to ensure that this sector has received a degree of protection so far as budget restrictions have been concerned. This policy will have to be reviewed in the light of the Council having to make further reductions in the Budget for 1990/91 through Poll Tax capping and even larger reductions in its costs for 1991/92.

#### 8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 8.1 A review of voluntary sector funding will enable the Council to identify how the commitment to equal opportunities is met through grant funding policy and the ways in which it can be better targeted.

#### 9. STAFF SIDE CONSULTATION

A copy of this item will be sent to Staffside representatives.

Lead Officer - Director of Policy and Administration, Imtiaz Farookhi  
Report Author - Head of Policy Services, Kiruba Moodley

Background Papers

Held At

Contact

NONE

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## HIV/AIDS AND THE ASIAN COMMUNITIES

A One day seminar that will explore the impact of HIV and AIDS on asians and the asian communities.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th 1990  
9.30am - 5.30pm

at London Lighthouse,  
111-117 Lancaster Road,  
London W11.

for further details call:

Shivananda Khan

081 740 0477 (081 993 9001 eve)

This seminar is open to asian  
people only

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## HALL TO HIRE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Greek Cypriot Community  
of Southwark have recently acquired  
their own communal Hall  
in Camberwell

The Modern Hall has amenities  
for Banquets, Open days,  
Conferences, and Exhibitions.

The Communal Hall has a  
fully equiped catering area  
and Bar. The Communal Hall is  
available for Hire for Social  
Business and Artistic  
events, and is open to all  
communities and organisations  
to stage their events.

The Communal Hall has a  
Capacity of 500 seated and can  
accomodate 40 tables (10 per Table)  
For further information contact:  
St Marys Greek Cypriot  
Communal Hall  
305 CAMBERWELL NEW ROAD  
LONDON SE5  
071 703 0137

## CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU

### NEW OPENING TIMES

The Citizens Advice Bureau have been concerned for some time that we have not been able to meet the needs of the community (given the long wait outside and inside the bureau and the severe restrictions on numbers of people we are able to see) and that the opening hours are not convenient to parents with school-going children, to elderly, disabled or working people.

As we have limited paid staff and volunteer resources, we will try to go some way to meeting these needs by starting morning interviewing sessions later and by starting an information and leaflet session - an open-door session during which the public can look at leaflets, draft letters and get information on a wide range of issues but without our providing one-to-one advice on specific problems. They can also use the CAB facilities such as our photocopier or make telephone calls to various local agencies, if necessary. We will also be offering appointments on Tuesday evenings in order to help those clients who are unable to queue outside for hours (as is the situation at present).

We will obviously be evaluating the effect of these changes and hope that they will go some way to meeting the needs of the community.

From 23rd July therefore our opening times will be:

|           |               |                                                       |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 10am - 1pm    | Leaflets and<br>information (no<br>individual advice) |
| Tuesday   | 3pm           | Advice session<br>(Appointments only)                 |
| Wednesday | 9.30-11.30am  | Telephone<br>Advice                                   |
| Thursday  | 10.am         | Advice session<br>(Limited numbers)                   |
| Friday    | 9.30 -11.30am | Telephone<br>Advice                                   |

Telephone Advice on : 639 4471.

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For further Information and application forms phone:-

071 261 9655

Southwark Community Businesses Ltd,  
5 Westminster Bridge Road,  
London SE1. 7XW.

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## PLAYSCHEMES FUNDING INDECISION BY SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

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Will all of you who have had difficulty with Southwark's funding procedures please put this in writing to;

## TO ALL COMMUNITY/COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKERS FUNDED BY (THE FORMER) HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### CONSULTANCY FUND MONEY

As in past years, the Community Development Unit has a small budget to fund 'non-managerial supervision' sessions for community workers and community centre workers.

The maximum per worker for this financial year is £200.00

Three eligibility requirements apply to the consultancy fund:

1. The worker must be funded by a grant from (the former) Health & Community Services Committee.
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3. The project employing the worker does not have the funds to cover the costs itself.

If you want to apply for consultancy funds, give me a ring.

Cristine Smalligan, SCDO  
Community Development Unit  
Tel: 071 703 0911 x 2126

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# THE PLATINUM TRUST

## ABOUT THE TRUST

The Trust was set up in 1990 as a grant-making body to give financial support to registered charities and other charitable organisations working in particular in the field of mental and physical handicap throughout the United Kingdom. The Trustees are primarily interested in supporting groups working with children, but grants will also be available for work with adults. The Trust is especially interested in helping unusual and innovative projects and welcome appeals from small organisations seeking funding for new initiatives.

## WHAT THE TRUST IS LOOKING FOR

The Trustees will be aiming to help mainly in the following ways:

- "one off" grants to groups seeking funding for specific items or short term ventures (holidays etc.)

- Financial aid to projects (new or ongoing) with longer term aims.

When making an application for a grant of either type, the group applying should give precise details of (i) their organisation and (ii) the specific funding required for the purchase/project, including:

- a. a short general description of the purchase/project and a statement of aims.
- b. a budget broken down under expenditure headings (where relevant)

## WHAT THE TRUST DOES NOT SUPPORT

In general the Trust does not respond to appeals from large national charities, or to appeals seeking to replace withdrawn or expired statutory funding. The Trust cannot respond to general appeals for funds or to appeals from individuals. The Trust will not respond to appeals from charities concerned with medical research. Trustees cannot fund appeals for capital to finance the purchase of property or to cover building costs.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Applications should be sent to the Secretary at the address given. Where an appeal clearly falls outside the funding policy of the Trust and must therefore be rejected, applicants will be informed promptly to allow them to concentrate their efforts on other possible sources of funding.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE

The Trustees meet three to four times a year and the grants are allocated at these meetings. Trustees regret that no grants can be made between meetings, nor can any group be considered for funding more than once in a calendar year. Grants are generally made for one year only and normally vary from £100-£5,000. Longer term funding may sometimes be available, but it is generally Trust policy to fund for one year.

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THE PLATINUM TRUST  
2 ELGIN MEWS NORTH,  
MAIDA VALE  
LONDON W9 1NN  
Tel: 372 - 1686

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ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB HAVE 16  
STACKING CHAIRS TO OFFER TO GROUPS  
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INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:

PAUL STEVENS  
55 STANSWOOD GARDENS,  
SEDGEMOOR PLACE LONDON SE5 7SQ.  
071 701 9002

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## FUTURE DEADLINE DATES FOR NEWSLETTER: ££

10th SEPTEMBER 1990 Articles must  
be in by this date.

5th NOVEMBER 1990 Articles must be  
in by this date. The newsletter  
will go out approximately 2  
Weeks after these dates.

INSERTS: Cost £20.00 to voluntary  
Sector organisations.

£40.00 to statutory organisations.



# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION

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PRINCIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY  
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LONDON N17 1RS  
TELEPHONE 01-03-11-11-11 DIRECT LINE

## SCVS

## NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO: 8

## OCT/NOV 1990.

### VOLUNTARY SECTOR "REVIEW" UPDATE.

On 25th June 1990 an item went to Policy and Performance Review Committee entitled:

"A Review of Voluntary Sector Funding".

Review reports have been written on 350 groups since then and "the initial findings" from these reports will be presented to Service Delivery Review Committee on November 1st.

Officers were asked to report on four main areas:

Efficiency and Effectiveness.

Equal Opportunities.

Management Arrangements.

Financial Arrangements.

Councillors have since attended public meetings arranged by the voluntary sector and have stated that the review is not a cost-cutting venture but is necessary to give them a clear picture of what exactly they are funding.

Needless to say the voluntary sector has not been particularly impressed with this rhetoric from Councillors who are clearly looking at ways to cut groups. As this newsletter is being sent out SCVS has been informed that the three major funding committees within Southwark are in severe deficit.

EDUCATION BY £7.4 MILLION.

SOCIAL SERVICES BY £2.9 MILLION.

HOUSING BY £3 MILLION.

We were unable to ascertain the exact deficits within other committees.

However, a number of groups will be cut completely in the next few weeks.

So the "review" is happening alongside serious deficits in Southwark.

Groups within the voluntary sector are outraged that senior managers within the Council structure can continue to hold important decision-making positions having allowed the Council to get into this position.

The voluntary sector does not overspend, yet it is the first victim of Council officers mistakes and bad management.

Meanwhile, the November 1st meeting will receive reports from monitoring officers on all voluntary sector groups. These reports will state whether there is:

Concern about the groups.

No concern about the groups.

It will also receive further indication from Councillors on that committee about the overall level of cuts they want to implement for the voluntary sector next year, as well as members own priority areas for funding-which may or may not accord with the overall Council priorities for the 1990's.

This is another situation where the voluntary sector is up against an unknown quantity.

S.C.V.S requested information on how groups would be notified if they fell within the "Concern" or "No concern" bracket and we were told that to mail the report to all groups was "a logistical problem". SCVS suggested many possible solutions to this "logistical problem" and was given assurance that these would indeed be looked at and implemented but that groups "should not worry as they have already seen the reports and nothing different will be on paper in committee item it will be given outside/ alongside the item to members".

So members will receive extra information about groups which will not be included on the committee report. SCVS pointed out the undemocratic nature of this exercise and suggested to the officers that this should not happen. Groups have a right to see exactly what is being written about them.

There will be a clearer picture of what is going forward to committee by October 18th. This date has been set to look have an OPEN MEETING OF VOLUNTARY GROUPS AT FAST FORWARD YOUTH PROJECT, 18 BULLER CLOSE SE15. TIME 2.30pm.



## ASIAN HOME CARERS.

Southwark Social Services Department has recently appointed 4 Asian Home Carers.

These Home Carers were appointed because the Council acknowledged the fact that there were a potential number of home care clients who felt unable to apply for the service due to linguistic and cultural factors. Their language covers Urdu, Hindi and Bengali.

Referrals would be considered from not only groups dealing with elderly and disabled people but from people recovering from illness.

As this is a new project we are happy to discuss what the service can offer in more detail. Please telephone: Anisa or Lorraine at 071 237 6777. Referral forms can also be obtained by ringing the same telephone number.

We are keen for as many people as possible to be aware of this service. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Community Education Grant-Aid Criteria.

Community Education Section in Southwark are devising new grant-aid criteria for the voluntary sector.

They are attempting to consult on this criteria with voluntary groups.

If you have not yet received a copy and wish to, please contact: Paula King PH:703 0855 ext 275.

This criteria is open for consultation with all groups, including those who might be looking to Education for funding in the future.

## SECTION 11 FUNDING

The Government has changed the date for the introduction of new arrangements for Section 11 Funding from October 1990 to 1st April 1992. The deadline for applications is now 30th April 1991, with Home Office decisions on the bids by October or November 1991.

The funding arrangements will remain the same; 75% Central Government & 25% Local Authority. This is cash limited, presently to £4m in total.

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL are at the stage of preparing a report for the RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE on 25th October, outlining the procedure that the Council will follow for funding bids.

It appears that the Race Unit will have a key role in co-ordinating the process. Consultation will take place through i) recognised umbrella groups and ii) officers in Council Departments. The closing date for applications from the voluntary sector will probably be January/February 1991.

For more information contact Pat Oakly, Race Unit.

Individuals within the Borough are developing expertise in this new area, for more detailed information contact SCVS.

SCVS will be organising a meeting on this issue in the near future.



### MORE FUNDRAISING NEWS

#### OVERSEAS TRAVEL GRANTS

For charities that wish to send representatives on business to other countries. The money is available through the Joint International Committee. Grants are for organisations which would not normally have funds for foreign travel and can demonstrate they intend to share the insights gained

CONTACT: BILL SEARY AT NCVO

#### CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

This Fellowship provides grants for a stay abroad of approximately 8 weeks duration to enable study; subjects for 1991 include waste recycling, maternity services, access & conservation in the countryside. Applicants need to demonstrate how the knowledge and experience gained will benefit their local community. Closing date 29th October 1990.

CONTACT: WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST, 15 QUEENS GATE TERRACE, LONDON, SW7 5PR

#### TRUST FOR LONDON

Funding Guidelines from SCVS

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

Grants up to £1000 to cover half the cost of feasibility studies for building or environmental projects. To help community and voluntary groups become more involved in local design and building process. The COMMUNITY ARCHITECT RESOURCE CENTRE also offers general advice and assistance.

CONTACT: CARC, 66 PORTLAND PL. W1

### TRAINING NEWS

#### ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Provides information, training, consultancy and development support for the Black voluntary sector. This seasons training programme concentrates on management & personal development eg Black Funding Advisors Course; Politics of Fundraising; Funds from Central Government.

CONTACT: ODU 071 636 4066/2234

#### LVSC TRAINING DIRECTORY

Out now and FREE. An extensive guide to whats available in London.

CONTACT: LVSC 071 388 0241

#### CONFRONTING CONFLICT

Intensive 10 day course for youth & community workers, covering assertiveness, crisis, communication, coping strategies etc 15- 26 October.

CONTACT: LEAVENERS ART BASE  
071 226 8025

#### PRE-RECRUITMENT TRAINING

Camberwell Health Authority & North Peckham Task Force are running a 2 week pre-recruitment programme with guaranteed interviews for Trainee Health Care Assistants (15 Posts) starting 22nd October.

CONTACT: Peckham Job Centre Open  
Days 16 & 17 October 10- 3.30.





# SCVS A.G.M. September '90

## Speakers on FUNDRAISING

CITY PAROCHIAL TRUST - Tim Cook

IBM - David Halley

### TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDS £4m

These are the main problems which groups have to overcome when applying to any Trust.

1. Trusts tend to be secretive and not outline their criteria for giving, or see the people who are applying for funding.

2. Competition for funding is now unbelievable, groups have about a 1:3 chance of success.

Most Trusts are getting 50+ applications per day. Local groups are now having to compete with schools and hospitals; although City Parochial does not fund them.

3. Funding applicants must do background research about the Trusts (Information is available at SCVS). Applications must clearly state what is required, not just what you think you might get, with a budget. It is also helpful to say who else you are applying to, quite often a Trust will not fund a large amount and administrators of all the large Trusts do talk to each other.

4. Fundraising is more likely to be successful if responsibility for it is clearly defined and time specifically set aside.

Most Trusts will be making decisions about funding on the basis of the written application alone, it is not quantity but quality of the application which means it is more likely to succeed. In the application groups need to communicate their excitement and commitment to their project and explain what they are doing.

### ANNUAL BUDGET APPROXIMATELY £5m

This is split between a number of different areas eg Corporate and education sponsorship and £1m for local sponsorship.

IBM has a regional structure and responsibility for the local budget lies with the regional manager. IBM (or any company) can help local voluntary groups in a variety of ways; by providing funding, human resources, or facilities which they already have eg office space.

1. Volunteering; the aim is to get all employees active in the local community, who may then be able to persuade IBM to donate a PC.

2. Secondment of staff to help with a specific project, you have to show how this project will benefit IBM, eg individual staff training, and benefit your group.

3. Business links with the community are extremely important to commercial organisations. Ultimately we are all customers. You should be aiming to develop long term links with local companies. All of the above points apply to all large companies, but especially ones with regional/local structures eg Marks & Spencer, Nationwide Anglia, Prudential. Applications to companies for funding should also follow the guidelines for Trusts.

NB Prudential have office furniture available for recycling to the voluntary sector.

## PROGRAMME

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1st OCTOBER - 31st OCTOBER 1990

| ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                              | DATE     | TIME           | VENUE                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Celebration Launched by<br>Councillor J. Munson<br>Ian Hall's Ashanti Drummers<br>Sitar Music<br>Asian Cancers<br>Baroque Brass and Peckham Book Place<br>Book Launch | 1-10-90  | 7.00-10.00am   | Warwick Park School<br>Warwick Park<br>Peckham Road<br>SE15 5DZ     |
| Black Women History Forum<br>(Women only) (Creche available)                                                                                                          | 3-10-90  | 7.00-10.00am   | North Peckham Civic Centre<br>500-608 Old Kent Road,<br>London SE15 |
| Southwark Women's Centre<br>Oral History Programme                                                                                                                    | 4-10-90  | 2.00-4.00pm    | Council Chamber<br>Southwark Town Hall                              |
| Black People in Science<br>Mr Ndawara (Nutfield fellow from<br>Zimbabwe)                                                                                              | 7-10-90  | 7.00-10.00am   |                                                                     |
| Traditional Medicine                                                                                                                                                  | 11-10-90 | 2.00-4.00pm    |                                                                     |
| Black People in Science<br>by Amari<br>Free poster launch                                                                                                             | 12-10-90 | 7.00-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| Black People in Humanities<br>by Professor Aiyin (Nigeria)                                                                                                            | 15-10-90 | 7.00-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| Racism in Caribbean & African<br>History by Cecil Gutzmore                                                                                                            | 16-10-90 | 7.00-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| Black People in Politics<br>Keith Vaz, MP                                                                                                                             | 17-10-90 | 7.00-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| Memories of the Past<br>Black Elderly Comment                                                                                                                         | 18-10-90 | 7.00-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| History of Black People in Music<br>Toby Clowdovek and Moleana Photo                                                                                                  | 18-10-90 | 7.30-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| History of Black People in Music                                                                                                                                      | 19-10-90 | 7.30-9.30am    |                                                                     |
| Sounds of Africa Concert<br>Shikisha & Adzido Dance Group<br>Entrance Free £5.00                                                                                      | 20-10-90 | 7.30am-11.00am | North Peckham Civic Centre                                          |
| Tamara Theatre<br>Greenwich and Marna December<br>with Benjamin Zegnanian<br>Entrance Free £5.00<br>Concessionary £3.50                                               | 27-10-90 | 8.00am-11.00am | North Peckham Civic Centre                                          |
| Handwritten Songs - films<br>and Yanga Tree                                                                                                                           | 28-10-90 | 7.30pm         | North Peckham Civic Centre                                          |

Videos will also be shown at **The UNITY Cultural Centre** 17-19 Peckham High St., Peckham, London SE15 5UB  
on Monday & - Martin Luther King  
Exhibition: History of Black People in London. Venue: Southwark Town Hall Tel: 0203 624000. Refreshments available  
Sponsored by: Price Equality Unit, Women's Unit and the Education, Leisure & Recreation, Social Services, Public Works Departments

There will also be a programme of work carried out during Black History Month by children in Southwark schools and students at  
Southwark College. Names and more from the many Black people living in Southwark. For a history of Black people in  
Southwark, contact the Southwark Museum, Peckham Road, SE15 5DZ. Tel: 0203 624000. Fax: 0203 624001.

### SECRETARIAL OFFICE SERVICES

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Based in a building owned by the charity Elephant Jobs and supported by them, we set up in June of this year offering a range of Secretarial Office Services which includes typing, word processing, accommodation address, telephone message service and fax services. We have worked with charity organisations in the past on a full time basis, and understand tight financial budgets. We will offer special rates to voluntary organisations, if you are interested contact us.

## EVENTS

Black History Month  
see programme

Southwark Association for  
Play AGM Speaker Tess  
Woodcraft on the  
CHILDRENS ACT  
16th October 7pm CRECHE  
Leisure Centre,  
34 Camberwell Road SE5.



Citizens Advice Bureau  
AGM Speaker Stephen  
Sedley QC on PUBLIC LAW  
FOR ALL  
17th October 6pm  
Graca Machel House  
Havill St SE5

## CONSORTIUM

Consortium Day of Events  
on IDEPENDANT LIVING  
18th October 12.30 - 8pm  
North Peckham Civic  
Centre, Old Kent Road

Disability Benefits  
Consortium - TIME FOR  
CHANGE NATIONAL RALLY  
20th October 1 - 4pm  
Trafalgar Square  
Contact GLAD 071 274 0107

Community Care Forum  
Meeting  
25th October 2 - 4pm  
Lorrimore Centre,  
Lorrimore Gardens SE17  
Contact SCVS Nuala  
Details/Apologies

Southwark Irish Forum -  
General Meeting  
27th October 2 - 5pm  
Southwark Town Hall,  
Peckham Road SE5  
Contact C/O Race Unit







# **SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION**

**SCVS**

135 Rye Lane SE15. PH: 071 732 3731.

**OPEN MEETING.**

**VOLUNTARY SECTOR  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CUTS.**

**2.30 PM.**

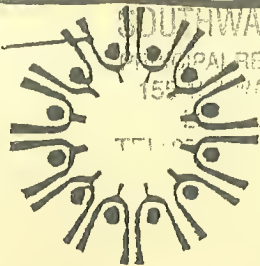
**THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER.**

**FAST FORWARD  
YOUTH PROJECT.  
18 BULLER CLOSE,  
SE15.**

**Wheelchair access.**







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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY ACTION NEWSLETTER ISSUE

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR REVIEW UPDATE

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The review got it's first major committee airing on Thursday 1st November 1990. Only one slight change made to the long list of proposals from Officers, before it was finally agreed; members added that officers must consult with the voluntary sector when they devise the new conditions grant aid.

what was agreed ?

1. That 198 projects will be reviewed.

2. That the overall level of funding to voluntary sector be determined after standard spending assessments are known.

3. With regards to monitoring, every group will be allocated a link officer. The list is to be presented to members of the 27th November.

4. That officers formulate a new set of contractual arrangements with the voluntary sector. This will not include an appeals

mechanism

by the 27th November 1990.

Voluntary Sector representatives at the meeting attempted to point how undemocratic repealing the appeals procedure was, but were shouted down by members who quite simply stated that the mechanism was costly to the council, that it did not benefit the voluntary sector(?) and all that it did was to allow officers to be sloppy. Without them officers would be forced to do their jobs thoroughly. and groups if they disagreed with any decision would have to contest it through the very officers who put forward a bad report in the first place.

5. They also agreed the setting up of a Central Grants Coordinating Structure.

6. In the meantime the departmental Grants Officers group will take up the coordinating role.

7. members also agreed to maximise the use of other sources of funding, such as section 11 and NHS & COMMUNITY CARE ACT.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO-FAR ?

We've all just been going through what the report called stage one 300 groups were assessed by monitoring officers. Those groups which officers expressed concern about are the 198 groups which will be reviewed in the second stage.

ALL GROUPS SHOULD HAVE RECIEVED NOTIFICATION FROM THEIR MONITORING OFFICERS WHICH POINTS OUT WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PROJECT IS 'UP -FOR' REVIEW

SCVS have a full copy of the committee report.

### Review Grey Areas

unmonitored groups : There are about 59 groups listed for review which monitoring officers have listed has being unmonitored. The report does contain a very brief criticism of the council's monitoring of groups, but has no guidelines for members as to how they should use this information, what bearing it has on the groups.

When we at SCVS spoke to the officer responsible for the review, Stan Dubek, we were told they plan to have reports on all groups for the committee meeting on the 27th november.



These groups listed as unmonitored, will not as with other groups, receive copies of their monitoring officers assessments.

So if your project is amongst these group you'll need to contact your officers as soon as possible. Remember that you have the right to write comments yourself and that your response may help save your project.

Good Assessment and still being reviewed :

There are quite a few projects which fit into this category. We were told that the main reason this has occurred is because the group is most likely funded by two committees. There are though many groups which do not receive joint committee funding who still fall into this category. Probably the most example can be found with the advice centres, who all appear to have been penalised because the Borough doesn't have an advice policy.

## STAGE TWO

### Groups being reviewed:

Our monitoring officers will now somehow assess our projects again and divide the groups up into categories yet again. This time the key areas will be those groups which pass inspection and those which officers feel have insurmountable problems, which would require too much officer support to solve.

This division will then go to the newly formed Departmental Grants Officers Group. Which After evaluating each group individually will make recommendations to members with regards to further funding. This is to all intents & purposes stage three.

So far there are no provisions for groups to see the report their monitoring officers put forward.

Taking our past experience into consideration it is also important to note that members have so far only made very small changes to officers recommendations.

SCVS were told yesterday that the first such meeting of the Grants Group will be on 9th November.

remember that their report goes to committee on the 27th november

### Comment

To state the obvious, there are too many flaws in this review, yet its expected to provide the basis for major cuts in grant-aid to the voluntary sector, the development of new structural administration of our grants ie Central Grants Committee, as well as the development of new contractual relations /agreements. All this in the space 3 months and the 'solid foundation' of a monitoring system that even the officers themselves say is very weak.

### What Can You Do ?

First thing is to acknowledge that there is a problem, and not sit back hoping that everything will turn out o.k.

Not only do we have to campaign for our own groups, we also need to support one another's campaigns

### Who to lobby ?

Monitoring Officers  
Their managers  
Councillors from the committee which funds your project  
Councillors on the Service delivery Sub-Committee.

Who should be doing the lobbying and where ?

WHERE ?

Labour Group Meetings , Ring  
The Town Hall 703 6311 and  
ask for the committee clerks,  
they'll give you the dates of  
meetings.

----- LABOUR GROUP WILL BE MEETING  
ON THE 21st NOVEMBER 1990

Service Delivery Sub-Committee  
Meetings.

The next scheduled meeting  
is on the 27th November...

Councillors Surgeries

Remember that this is where you  
can talk to the councillors on  
one to one basis. Encourage  
your users to go along.

How ?

Writing Letters

it's an idea to send copies of  
all letters you write to members  
and officers. We should try and  
swamp them with the view of  
the voluntary sector.

Deputations

We encourage all groups to  
write into the Town Hall  
Clerks requesting a hearing  
on the 27th November 1990.

also send of copy of your  
written deputations to  
members.

Join the campaign Group

They're organising a publicity  
campaign and a big march &  
Rally..

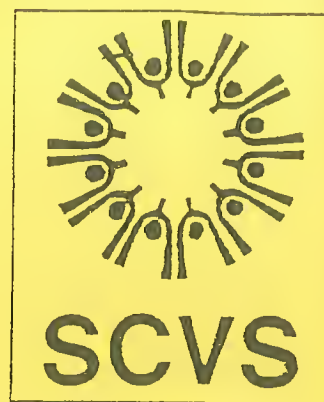
For more information:  
contact Karen or Maggie  
at Southwark Women's Aid  
071 732 3370

Kathy - Lavendar Dock Pump  
House ....071 231 2976.

Nuala or Sonia ?  
SCVS.... 071 732 3731



# **VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKERS FORUM.**



**MEETING:**  
**TUESDAY** NOVEMBER 20TH

**South East London Consortium.  
150 Camberwell Road, SE5.**

**2PM.** Legal briefing for groups who are to be cut

2.45 pm

## **AGENDA:**

**Voluntary Sector Review Update.  
Cuts Update. Legal Position?**

Proposed Changes to Conditions of Grant Aid

**Replies / Apologies to Nuala at:**



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## Grant Aid.

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This may be our last newsletter, SCVS have been recommended for a 100% cut in its funding. This means the complete demise of the organisation. We have fought strenuously with the Council against further cuts to the voluntary sector but as we all know in this sector there is no guarantee of stability or

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4. The Council's power is always discretionary, i.e. as long as they don't fall foul of rules under the above three heads, they always have the power to decide not to give or to cut a grant. Courts do not like interfering with political decisions and do not like people using the courts for political ends. Therefore you must have a strong case for Judicial Review before going ahead.

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2. However, the power is never unlimited. The Council is not like a millionaire doling out gifts at its own whim. There are legal rules which apply to all government bodies on how they must make decisions, which apply to grant-giving as much as any other Council decision. Whether those rules have been breached by the Council can be decided in the courts under the procedure called Judicial Review, i.e. judges look at the decision, not to see if it is the right one which they themselves would have reached if they had been Councillors, but to see if it is somewhere within the rules.



5. I will now go through the three headings. Illegality will almost never be a ground for challenging grant decisions. In particular it is easier for the courts to make a negative decision forcing a Council not to spend its money in a certain way than to tell the Council how it should be spending its money. This head includes things such as bias and malice, i.e. improper motives.

6. "Irrationality" means the decision has to be so unreasonable "no sensible authority acting with due appreciation of its responsibilities would have decided" in that way. Unfortunately it is extremely unlikely a court would say a voluntary organisation was so wonderful no sensible authority could ever decide to cut it (unless there are duties laid down in some other part of the law, e.g. in health or education, which mean that to cut is to avoid these duties.)

7. Not following the right procedure, i.e. procedural impropriety, is always likely to be the best ground for challenging grant cuts. The law does not lay down any particular procedure which the Council must always follow, but for those organisations already funded by Southwark there are the grant conditions. These are not strictly enforceable legal obligations as you would have in a contract or tenancy agreement because the Council always has the power, in the right circumstances, not to follow them.

8. However, existing organisations have a "legitimate expectation" that the grant conditions will be followed. How strong or binding on the Council those expectations are depend on the circumstances. In the emergency

situation resulting from the poll tax capping voluntary organisations expectations must go down. But in the normal run of things the Council have to abide by their own promises to follow the grant conditions, including when considering changing those very conditions.

9. In any event the law says whatever procedure is used must observe the "rules of natural justice" and must be fair, which at the very least means you must get a fair chance to put your side of the case.

10. If you are in any doubt, take legal advice.

Nik Nicol, Barrister  
Southwark Law Project

FOR FREE LEGAL ADVICE TELE:  
081 299 1024

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longevity. We trust that the Council will be able to fulfil their obligation to existing groups, to assist workers with accurate and up to date information on services available to them i.e. training courses, new legislation and consultation in the voluntary sector.

The demise of SCVS means that there will no longer be a organisation to co-ordinate the various forums specifically set up to assist groups respond to the decisions that council officers make.

We now leave it in the hands of our ever efficient Council and its officers.

Eve (Newsletter Editor)

INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE RAISED  
BY A JOINT SCVS AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT FORUM DEPUTATION  
THE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE  
RECENTLY.

Thank you for agreeing to our deputation. The first area we want to cover is to describe the voluntary sector.

As you know, it is a very varied range of organisations. It is mainly staffed by people who live in Southwark and it is used by local residents of Southwark. Most, if not all, of you will have started your political careers connected to a voluntary organisation in some way.

We support and encourage public participation in local matters, we respond quickly to needs and some organisations represent interests of particular groups. In recent years and months we have taken a great deal of pressure from your front-line services - especially social services, housing reduction - and we've also been put in the position of plugging gaps when your local offices have been closed.

We would'nt claim that we're always efficient and effective but, as the vast bulk of informed councillor and officer opinion we tell you, we do a very good job. We believe we are saving you money. A department of Education and Science report published in 1978 estimated that for every £ of public money spent on the voluntary sector £10 of work was done. The vast majority of voluntary organisations raised money from trusts and companies which is bought into Southwark residents. So we are earning you money.

Secondly, we in the voluntary sector want to work with this council in spite of the way we feel we've been treated particularly in the past six months.

We don't want to spend countless hours worrying about our organisations future, harassing council officers and you councillors, going to meetings which then get postponed. We want to get on with what, on the whole, we're good at Serving the people of Southwark.

Thirdly, please don't insult our intelligence or yours by claiming you've been undertaking a review of the voluntary sector. You've been conducting a budget led exercise simply looking for ways to cut money from some organisations. We in the voluntary sector have been waiting for years to sit down with you and develop on effective monitoring and review system. This has'nt happened. What you have done is make decisions on the basis of very patchy and, in most cases, very inaccurate information. In very many cases organisations were not consulted on the information officers gathered and, furthermore, you received reports which were written by officers who were not in direct contact with the organisation concerned.

In short, don't kid yourselves - or anybody else - you done a review exercise, you've undertaken a little bit of information gathering around terms like efficiency and effectiveness which haven't been clearly defined.

If we tried to manage our organisations like that we would rightly be laughed out of court.

Fourth, we don't believe we've been in any consultation regarding a Central Grants Unit, revising the Conditions of Grant Aid, Service Agreements. It may be appropriate to do all the things but please consult with us first because you might find its more efficient and effective to work with us.



Generally, you seem to be moving in the opposite direction to the National Labour Party. I quote from a consultation document recently circulated as a result of an initiative taken by David Blunkett.

"There are millions of people involved in the voluntary sector and community groups already - as volunteers, workers and contributors of time and donations. Our aim is to support such co-operative and collective action and mutual aid. We are committed to supporting people who give their time to voluntary action, while offering resources if necessary, to ensure that the maximum benefit can be gained for the community.

Implicit in this commitment is a recognition of the need to provide a stable basis for voluntary action. Additionally, where services are provided by voluntary organisations and charities, we must ensure that they are of high quality.

So this is what we want from you.

1. A clear statement from the Council about the value and role of the voluntary sector reflecting your commitment to voluntary organisations, such a commitment needs to be backed up with procedures and resources which show you mean what you say.

2. Don't undertake any cuts until you've firstly consulted with the organisations concerned. We believe you can find the money required by negotiating more resources from Central Government

or by using this 'spare' £5million the Leader told the South London Press about.

3. Don't introduce a Central Grants Unit or Service Agreement until you've consulted with us.

4. Please ask the Chief Officers Board to meet with representatives of the voluntary sector in order that we can look together at strategic issues like:-

- Monitoring and review
- Partnership
- Consultation procedures
- Central Grants Unit
- Service agreements.

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The meeting was facilitated by Alf Dubb MP. and Sandy Mark Councillor sitting on LBGS.

As with the consultation document, they talked of the necessity for the development of Equal Partnership between councils and the voluntary sector, the acknowledgement of the role of advocacy in the voluntary sector.

Labour and the Voluntary Sector. This contained a progressive analysis of the role of the voluntary sector, describing voluntary action as "part of our expression of citizenship". According to this paper... The interdependence of government and the voluntary sector is an established aspect of British society and is warmly welcomed by the Labour Party.." which says that it does not believe "that voluntary activity is either a threat, or a cheap alternative, to the provision of statutory services. Any attempt to make it so should be resisted in the interests of both agencies." "At their best voluntary organisations combine both tight organisation and admirable levels of commitment - often not found elsewhere in society.

Points raised by the audience that was asked to be included in the paper were:

1. An infrastructure for the voluntary sector and ways of assisting its growth. This included acknowledgement and financial support for local and regional coordinating bodies.

2. The need to include methods of good practice.

3. To look at the points of accountability and autonomy of local organisation specifically as it relates to who should judge local groups, the accountability of local groups to local people. It was pointed out that the will of local people, their management of community projects, is consistently undermined by the financial power local government have and that would be entrenched by the imposition of service level agreements which can dictate what groups do, thus taking the power away from local people.

There are more fine sounding statements throughout the paper and the Labour Party Community Party Review is trying to consult on this paper, so ring up and get yourself a copy. Contact: 071 701 1234

Part of this consultation meeting took place on the 22nd January, attended by people from the voluntary sector, MPs and Councillors. At least six workers from the Southwark Voluntary sector attended the meeting, Aubyn Graham was the only Labour Councillor present from Southwark.

4. People also asked that the document include clear volume measures to ensure that grants given by coun-

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oils were geared towards providing what they committed themselves too, to include the provision of grants which could facilitate growth and the innovation for which the voluntary sector is noted, as raised in the document.

Kathy O'Brien strongly pointed out the need for the inclusion of arts within the document and the need for the paper to address the voluntary sector as it exists, how it could be with positive action and how it will be if the attack on the voluntary sector continued. Many people stated that Labour boroughs seemed to hide behind central government legislation which denied local democracy.

Our own Aubyn Graham asked for the document to include explicitly and implicitly the needs of the Black and ethnic communities, making special reference to the need of the rising refugee communities.

To conclude, though the meeting was a critical one, it was also productive in the generation of ideas. The need for councillors to have this document was strongly emphasised. As was the point that the voluntary sector today, its survival as a coherent working entity, will determine the kind of voluntary sector, thus the input of local community development tomorrow.

Sonia Davis

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## TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE COUNCILS

Training and Enterprise Councils are employment - led non - statutory bodies set up by the Government to plan and organise Training and Enterprise. They replace Training Agency Area offices. Each TEC will have a budget of approximately £15m on average to administer the scheme and distribute as grants to groups/projects whose work accords with the Training/Enterprise criteria.

Each TEC has a board of 15 Directors two thirds are from the private sector, the next from the voluntary and statutory sectors. The South Thames TEC covers the four South London Boroughs of Lewisham, Lambeth, Southwark and Greenwich. It is still at a developmental stage and will be launched after April 1991. Southwarks Chief Executive Anna Whyatt is a board member of the STTEC.

- \* Youth Training
- \* Employment Training
- \* Business Growth Training
- \* Small Firms Advice
- \* Enterprise Allowance Scheme
- \* Training Access Points
- \* Trainer Training
- \* Open and Flexible Learning Systems
- \* Support for local Enterprise Agencies
- \* Administration of Ethnic Minority Grants (section 11)

Wherever appropriate it will be their sole responsibility to contract with national and local providers for the delivery of programmes. TEC's will also act as a Forum to assess economic and social needs setting local priorities and developing innovative new ways of meeting training needs.

Central Government in its guidance notes to the TEC, suggests that it:

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" sees great value in their (ie TECs) having adequate and visible consultation within the local community and the area to be served by a project, to ensure that the needs of community groups concerned are properly addressed".

The National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO) has produced guidelines for the voluntary sector on working with TEC's. Copies of these are available from the Employment Unit, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3AU. TEL: 071 636 4066 Its worth ringing to make sure they still have copies.

Coordination of the voluntary sector response to the South Thames TEC, is being led by Voluntary Action Lewisham (VAL) in conjunction with Southwark and Greenwich CVS's. The lack of a CVS in Lambeth is causing coordination difficulties.

We intend to have a cross-borough public meeting/conference on the issue in April/May, more details on this in the near future. You will receive details on the coordination - make sure you return your reply slip to be kept informed.

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## EDUCATION GRANTS

A small amount of funding is available for community groups from Southwark Community Education Department. This will be divided up between groups which apply.

It is envisaged that the maximum grant available to ANY ONE project will not be greater than £4,000.

The grant criteria are as follows.

1. Education Priority Areas Preference will be shown for funding groups providing a direct education service which compliments or supplements existing Council provision.

The service provided will be broadly in line with one of the following education priority areas: particular priority will be given to areas a-c.

a. Basic education to develop literacy, numeracy, and English for speakers of other Languages (ESOL) and other basic education interests such as computer literacy, introductory skills courses.

b. Bilingual education for school age children and adults,

c. Supplementary education for school age children and adults,

d. Provision which is aimed at supporting work in schools using local resources to enhance the School/National Curriculum. The provision should aim to develop co-operative working relationships with all



sections of Southwark Communities; In addition provision which, while not directly educative exists to support/help those providing education.

e. Provision which contributes towards facilitating social and life skills and/or cultural and political education.

f. Provision of opportunities for Black and Bilingual communities to learn about their own history, culture and achievements.

g. Provision aimed at developing access to and increased participation in all educational opportunities in the borough and outside particularly for those users wishing to return to study or consciously make use of educational provision for the first time.

#### CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID

Funding will only be considered for groups which are willing to meet and sign LBS Conditions of Grant Aid. (These are currently being amended)

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

(i) Funding will only be considered for Groups which have or are developing an Equal Opportunities Policy. This Policy should be broadly in line with London Borough of Southwark's policy. Each project should have their own statement of policy and conduct, set project targets to ensure targets are met. These policies must be made effective by the support of a complaints procedure. It would be expected that a form of the policy would be displayed within the organisation.

(ii) Particular consideration will be given to groups who prioritise access to and develop appropriate provision for individuals/groups whose needs are not met are traditionally excluded from education provision. For example Black Groups, Bilingual Groups, Minority Ethnic Groups, Travellers, Women, Single Parents, Working Class groups, the elderly, people with physical disabilities, people with learning difficulties, people with mental health problems lesbians and gay men, the unemployed, ex-offenders, the homeless, People with AIDS or HIV Positive. It would be expected that provision would reflect the ethos that Community Education should be for all ages.

(iii) Management Committees/ Advisory Groups will need to reflect the Equal Opportunities Policies of the organisation. Where it is not possible or relevant for particular groups within the Community to represent themselves on a management committee for example, young children or people with severe learning difficulties efforts must be made to ensure their needs are represented by relevant advocates.

#### EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Department will only fund Organisations which have a clear, accountable and democratic management structure. Its objectives should be non-discriminatory and should positively promote equality of opportunity in both employment of staff and in the delivery of their service and in the implementation of Trade Union agreements. It will be expected that Management Committees will respond positively to the training needs of their staff.

## EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Organisations wishing to receive funding from the Department will need to provide evidence of their current financial viability and their ability to manage their finances effectively.

### SOUTHWARK CONNECTION

Funding will only be considered for groups which have a strong Southwark connection providing services to Southwark residents and respond to the diverse cultures within the Borough. Cross borough projects will be funded according to the percentage of Southwark residents benefiting from their services. (when possible).

### EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES

(i) Groups will need to show that the material and staff resources should be managed so that the maximum benefit can be gained by the community and the local authority.

(ii) Groups will need to show how they will assist people, individually groups to develop and use their abilities in order to participate more fully in their communities.

(iii) Groups will need to provide evidence of a commitment to curriculum development and a planned programme of work. It will be expected that the curriculum will be negotiated with users as far as it is possible.

Annual objectives will be agreed between the Organisation and the Council before funding is approved. This must include use involvement and long term planning.

Factors to be taken into consideration when agreeing these objectives:

- a) The size of the grant
- b) The nature of the client group;
- c) The aims of the organisation;
- d) The nature of the work;
- e) The need for the project to be responsive to changing emerging needs of the client group during the year.
- f) The resources of the project.

iv) Groups will need to show how they are working or proposing to work with other agencies so as to ensure an effective use of resources and to allow for exchange of ideas and good practice. By other agencies we mean other organisations involved directly or indirectly in similar areas of work. For example Youth and Community Groups, Careers Service, Southwark Adult Education Institute and other voluntary sector groups. It will be recognised that the size and resources of a project may effect the amount of time that can be spent in liaising with other agencies. Account would be taken about the staffing resources of the project which might impede the amount of interagency work that can be undertaken.

### ROLE OF USER

i) Groups will need to demonstrate how the users/local communities are actively or will be actively involved in determining the range, content, delivery and management of the provision. This could include having opportunity to sit on the Management Committee or Advisory Groups of the project and of negotiating programmes of work. Account will be taken of the nature of the project which will affect the methods used to involve users in the organi-



sation. They will need to demonstrate which methods are used or will be used to enable users and potential users to express their needs, ideas, criticisms. The methods used or to be used must be clearly set out at the outset and throughout the life of the project.

ii) We recognise the positive role of community education providers who present communities with a range of activities/choices which they may not previously have had access to and therefore would not have automatically requested or recognised as a need.

## EVALUATION

Groups will need to show the steps that have been or will be taken to regularly evaluate the service it provides and ensure that it is of continued relevance to the local community. These methods must be clearly demonstrated at the outset and throughout the life of the project. It will be expected that evaluation will be a joint exercise between the group and the Department. Performance indicators will be negotiated between the groups and the Department.

## GROUPS FOR NOT FUNDING GROUPS

Proposed activities which merely duplicate existing provision will not be considered favourably for funding purposes unless a need is clearly demonstrated. Funding will not be made available for provision which is discriminatory or which has a party political purpose.

APPLICATION FORMS AND ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

Lesley Urbach - Paula King  
LBS Education Dept  
Continuing Education  
Division  
1 BRADENHAM CLOSE,  
SE17 2QA.

TEL: 071 525 5000

CLOSING DATE 19th APRIL 1991

Visits will be arranged by the Community Education Officer with applicants. The final decision on grants will be made by MAY or JUNE at Committee Meeting.

SCVS ALSO HAS SOME SPARE COPIES OF THE APPLICATION FORMS.

RING FOR A COPY ON:  
071 732 3731.

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national  
schizophrenia  
fellowship

Inner South East London  
Group (Known as the Peckham  
Group).

The Peckham Group of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship is anxious for anyone caring or befriending people suffering from schizophrenia to contact the group, which meets every third Monday in the month from 8 to 10pm at Welton Hall, Rushey Hill Road, off Peckham Road.

Present members are carers, befrienders, and people suffering from schizophrenia often living alone in the community. There are others who come seeking information on the illness, when relatives or close friends fall ill.

On April 15th, to mark the 5th anniversary of the group, Professor John Wing, only recently retired as Director of the Institute of Psychiatry, and now Director of the Research Unit of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, will give a talk and lead a discussion after. We hope to organise a Brains Trust in the summer with professionals on the panel.

Although there are frequen-

tly speakers at the meetings dealing with all aspects of the illness, its treatment and long term implications, the meetings are very informal. There are also talks on related subjects, contacts with other voluntary groups, and an occasional social event.

There are no easy answers where schizophrenia is concerned. Sadly it not only affects the lives of those who are suffering great mental distress, but to a lesser extent their families and those who care about them. We hope that the group meetings provide a forum where people can seek information, share experiences and discuss mutual problems. Above all, anyone attending a meeting can be sure of a sympathetic hearing from others who understand something of what they have been suffering.

Members are kept informed of the meetings through a monthly newsletter.

Some members of the group who are sufferers meet every other Thursday at the Copleston Centre in Peckham. A light lunch is provided, and there are occasional outings by minibus.

The dates of the forthcoming evening meetings are:

15th April \* 20th May \*  
17th June \* 15th July \*

For additional information contact Margaret Wimble on 071 274 9798 or Margaret McLeod on 071 622 7249

## "Poll Tax and the Bailiffs"

### IF YOU GET A POLL TAX SUMMONS

1. Did you get a DEMAND NOTICE? Was it right?
2. Did you get a reminder? Was it right?
3. Are you on the Poll Tax Register for the period claimed?
4. Are you waiting for your Poll Tax rebate to come through?
5. Are you having problems paying and think you might get poll tax rebate?
6. Are you being summonsed as someone's husband or wife and this is not the case?

### GET ADVICE

Get advice if there is any problems about one of the above points,

or

ASK THE MAGISTRATE AT COURT FOR AN ADJOURNMENT. Tell them why.

If the magistrate refuse you an adjournment, it might be possible to go to the High Court. GET ADVICE.

### WHAT TO DO IF THE BAILIFFS COME



1. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO THEM. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LET THEM IN

2. IF THEY COME WITH THE POLICE OR THREATEN TO BREAK IN, IGNORE THIS - THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO FORCE ENTRY UNLESS YOU HAVE LET THEM IN BEFORE.

3. MAKE SURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE SHUT. THEY ARE ALLOWED TO COME IN IF THEY CAN DO SO WITHOUT FORCE.

IF THE BAILIFFS DO GET IN

1. IF THEY HAVE GOT IN BY FORCE, OR CAUSED DAMAGE, YOU CAN COMPLAIN TO THE COURT. GET LEGAL HELP

2. THEY CANNOT TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S BELONGINGS, BUT YOU HAVE TO PROVE THE PROPERTY DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

3. THEY CANNOT TAKE

\* the tools of your trade up to £150

\* any goods on HP or under a conditional sale agreement

\* Beds or bedding up to £100

\* Any property which is jointly owned, unless there is a Liability Order made out in joint names.

NB: YOU SHOULD TRY TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT TO PAY OFF WHAT YOU OWE. Contact the bailiffs or the Poll tax section of the council. If they refuse your offer, start paying what you can afford anyway.

If you do this and the Council take you to court, you will not be found to have refused, or not bothered, to pay. If this were the case you would risk being sent to prison.

SOUTHWARK LAW PROJECT  
2 EAST DULWICH GROVE  
LONDON SE22

Tel: 081 299 1024

## SOUTHWARK SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

### ABOUT THE TEAM

The Southwark Sports Development Team is a Council based service which has an overall aim to encourage more people in the community to take part in sports and recreational activities in their local facilities, providing access to all individuals and groups.

The team acts as a focus for providing sporting and recreational opportunities to those groups in Southwark who are disadvantaged and/or identified by the Council as under-represented within existing programmes. For example, women, the over 50's, people with disabilities, the black and minority communities, lesbian and gay men.

The team is also responsible for providing free advice and information on grant aid to individuals and groups. With a strong commitment to making sport accessible in areas and sites such as Community Centres, Day centres, Youth clubs, Schools, Special Schools, Parks and Estates.

If you would like more information on the services provided by the Southwark Sports Development Team please contact: The Southwark Sports Development Team

1 CHUMLEIGH GARDENS  
CHUMLEIGH STREET,  
BURGESS PARK SE5 0RJ.

TEL: 071 701 3975/4068



## SUMMARY OF COMPUTER COURSES FOR 1991

How to do it with a computer  
(free  $\frac{1}{2}$  day) 8th April(am)

IBM Compatible PC courses  
-general

What's on the market -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day  
demonstrations and explanations:

-Word processing, databases  
and integrated packages  
28th June (am)

-Word processing, desktop  
publishing and graphics  
28th June (pm)

-Spreadsheets and databases  
5th July (am)

-getting familiar 15 April  
-getting familiar - women  
only 25th April

-Introduction to computers  
and what they can do - women  
only 9th May

-Introduction to computers  
and what they can do  
21 May

-Introduction to accounting  
on computers  
12th July

-Desktop publishing - do you  
need it? 16th July

-Design and layout for pub-  
licity and newsletters 3 & 4  
June.

-Introduction to operating  
system - DOS - Women only  
23rd April

-Introduction to the opera-  
ting system - DOS 29 April

-looking after your computer  
from the outside 20th May

-looking after your computer  
from the inside 20th May  
PM.

-making your computer work  
for you 1. 31 May

-making your computer work  
for you part 2 31 May PM.

-advanced DOS 1. 14 June am  
-advanced DOS 2 and menuing  
workshop 14th June PM.

## IBM COMPATIBLE PC COURSES PACKAGES

16th April - 12th June

## AMSTRAD PCW COURSES

11th April - 5th July

IF MEMBERS WISH TO HAVE A  
COPY OF THE DETAILED TRAI-  
NING LIST OFFERED BY LVSC  
PLEASE CONTACT EVE AT SCVS  
AND I WILL SEND YOU A COPY  
OR YOU MAY RING ME FOR THE  
INFORMATION.

or YOU MAY CONTACT: Phil  
Flynn or Massimo Giannuzzi  
on

071 388 0241

LVSC 68 Chalton Street,  
London NW1 1JR.

## LVSC PUBLICATIONS

LVSC produces a wide range  
of publications. For a full  
list contact Jacki Reason,  
LVSC's publication officer.

**LVSC Training Directory**  
The directory lists training  
courses, run by various  
organisations, on a wide  
range of subjects relevant  
to the voluntary sector. It  
is published three times a  
year to cover the three main  
terms of Spring, Summer  
and Winter and is available  
from LVSC Training Unit at  
a cost of £5.00 per copy.

**Computers who needs them?**  
A guide to computing for  
voluntary groups, Covers  
word processing, spread-  
sheets, record handling,  
how computers work, choosing  
and installing a system,  
costs and implications.  
Cost £5.00 including postage.  
**Hire of LVSC computer room  
and facilities**  
please contact LVSC Training  
Unit for details.



**LEARNING FOR ACTION COMMUNITY WORK AND PARTICIPATION TRAINING.**

Price: £12.50  
Vol Ogs £10.00

This new publication provides a clear outline of the processes for participative training rooted in the values which must underpin it. It is illustrated with practical examples of ways of working with the community which are educational, participative and sensitive to the varying needs and aspirations of different groups.

**BEING WHITE - TRAINING PACK**  
Price £6.00

Produced as a follow up to the video 'Being White' this pack provides a resource for those developing anti-racist training for white workers and activists. It includes four articles on anti-racism and anti-racism training, a comprehensive booklist and four progressive training exercises for use in anti-racism training.

**CHALLENGING RACISM COURSE**  
Price £4.00

A report and reflections on a course for white community workers. This report clearly describes the thinking and practice behind 'Challenging Racism' courses for white community workers which have been successfully developed by the Greater Manchester Community Work Training Group. The report is written by Bal McGarvey Gill and Lili Rushton who have co-facilitated a number of these courses.

**TRAINING FOR LOCAL ACTION 1.**

Price £5.00

A detailed description of a training course called 'Managing Community Resources' organised by the Sunderland Community Education Group for community activists. The book gives a detailed account of the course from planning to lessons learnt.

**TRAINING FOR LOCAL ACTION 2.**

Price £5.00

This book is produced in a similar format to Training for Local Action:1 and describes two courses run by the Cleveland Community Work Training Forum - The Community Groups Course' and the 'Mobilising Community Resources Course'.

**TRAINING AND HOW TO ENJOY IT**  
Price £6.70

Published by CETU in collaboration with the Federation Over 30 training exercises specially designed for community groups and voluntary organisations and providing creative and original ways of involving groups in developing new skills, knowledge and awareness. It includes sections on groups meetings, publicity, campaigning, equal opportunities, finance, funding, planning and problem solving.

**ASSERTION AND HOW TO TRAIN OURSELVES**

Price £4.65

Published by CETU

A pack of ready made materials including Handouts, Wall Charts and Exercise on how to set up and run assertion training courses. This pack has been compiled for any group or organisation involved in community action or community development e.g. community groups, voluntary organisations and local authorities.



## IDEAS ANNUAL '89

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Published by Community Links  
Over 100 innovative ideas  
and examples of successful  
community work practice  
throughout the UK, collected  
from community groups,  
voluntary and statutory  
organisations. A must for  
anyone involved in community  
activity.

## ANTI-SEXISM AND COMMUNITY WORK

Price £2.00

A collection of readings for  
men

Compiled by a group of men  
involved in community work  
in Manchester. The collec-  
tion includes material which  
gives account of training  
experiences and of approa-  
ches to practice and thin-  
king that advances anti-  
sexism. It provides a  
useful starting point for  
individual reflection, for  
discussion among colleagues,  
for joint learning or train-  
ing, and for policy discus-  
sion within organisations.

## HOW TO ORDER

Please contact: Federation  
of Community Work Training  
Groups.

To ask for an order form:  
356 Glossop Road,  
Sheffield S10 2HW.  
Tel: 0742 739391

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## PUBLICATIONS

### WHAT LOCAL GROUPS NEED

#### THEIR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS AND THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

This report aims to describe  
the work and role of local  
voluntary groups, and what  
they need to be more effi-  
cient and effective.

Written by Diane Burridge  
and produced by Pauline  
Laurie of the Local Develop-  
ment Unit, National Council  
for Voluntary Organisations

Price: £4.00

Cheques should be made  
payable to: NCVO

26 Bedford Square, London  
WC1B 3HU.

071 636 4066.

### TWO NEW DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE PUBLICATIONS

#### A GUIDE TO THE MAJOR TRUSTS 1991

&

#### A GUIDE TO COMPANY GIVING 1991

All charities need to have  
accurate and comprehensive  
information on funding  
sources at their fingertips.

Both directories provide  
full information on the  
interests and priorities of  
funders, how much money they  
give and to what kinds of  
projects, and how to go  
about successfully applying  
for funding.

Both priced at: £14.95  
from The Directory of Social  
Change, Radius Works, Back  
Lane,

London NW3 1HL.

071 284 4364



## CROSSROADS CARE ATTENDANT SCHEME

SOUTHWARK CROSSROADS CARE  
ATTENDANT SCHEME NIGHT  
SITTING SERVICE.

Southwark Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme is based at St. Paul's Church, Lorrimore Square, London SE17 071 582 7638

Southwark Crossroads has been funded to run a Night Sitting Service which will now operational.

The Night Sitting Scheme now employs a Co-ordinator for 18 hours per week, together with 4 Care Attendants. These Care Attendants will give approximately 8 hours respite care per night.

The aim of the scheme will be to relieve carers of their caring role in order for them to have at least one night's uninterrupted sleep.

Please contact IDA OBUSEH who deals with referrals.

Day Sitting Number:  
071 793 0966

Night Sitting Number:  
071 582 7638

IF ANY MEMBERS KNOW HOW  
THE CROSSROADS CARE SCHEME  
CAN GET HOLD OF MATTRESSES  
OR SMALL FOLD-UP BEDS PLEASE  
CONTACT IDA.

## FAMILY GROUPWORK

Supporting Families affected  
by HIV and AIDS

This is a two day workshop for anyone who is currently supporting a family group affected by HIV and AIDS, or who may do so in the future.

We would welcome workers from statutory and voluntary agencies, along with anyone who is offering support in a personal or voluntary capacity.

DATES: 22nd and 23rd MAY  
1991

TIME: 10.00am - 4.30pm  
VENUE: TRAINING ROOM  
LATIMER LIGHTHOUSE  
220 LATIMER ROAD,  
LONDON W10.

COST: £92.00 inclusive.  
Assisted places available.

FACILITATORS: Eva Heyman  
Family support Network  
Terence Higgins Trust

Leo Atkins  
Education and Training Division

London Lighthouse

Both Eva and Leo have considerable experience of running support groups, and of direct work with families of people with HIV and AIDS.

We will draw upon the experiences we all have of families, our own and our clients, to enable us to address some of the specific issues raised by HIV and AIDS.

Please contact Marie Wright or Milton Brown at London Lighthouse for further details and application forms.

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